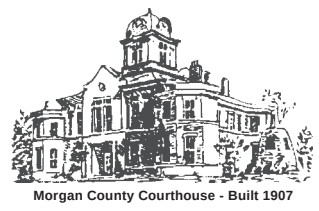
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Cops for Kids needs info for gift program

Again this year, Morgan County Cops for Kids is working in conjunction with the School Santa Program to help needy children have a joyful Christmas.

Families with pre-school-age children that have experienced financial hardship are asked to write a brief letter to Cops for Kids, P.O. Box 935, West Liberty, Ky. 41472, listing your name, phone number, the names and ages of pre-school children as well as other children in your family, why you are in need of help, and how Cops for Kids can help.

The number of families and their children that can be helped will depend on the funds raised by Cops for Kids by year's end, so letters will be reviewed and approved as they are received.

Families in distress with school-age children should apply through their schools to be included in the School Santa Program.

Blood drawing will be today at Commity Cen.

The Kentucky Blood Center will be conducting a blood drive in West Liberty today, Thursday, Dec. 10, from noon to 7:30 p.m., at the Morgan County Community Center (basement), Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty.

The drive is sponsored by the Morgan County Kiwanis Club and refreshments will be provided by the West Liberty Homemakers.

Blood donors must be 17-years-old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, which can be found on the Kentucky Blood Center's web site at www.kyblood center.org.

The Kentucky Blood Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring a safe, adequate blood supply for 67 Kentucky hospitals and clinics thanks to generous blood donors in 62 counties.

Deadline for news, ads

News items and advertising submitted for publication in The Licking Valley Courier should be submitted by Friday of the preceding week and must be in our office before noon on Monday.

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Christmas time in West Liberty!















Santa brings cheer to town on a cold, snowy Saturday

Despite an overcast sky and bitter cold, patches of left-over snow, and wintery winds, several people lined up along the streets to observe the Christmas parade that traveled down Prestonsburg Street and up Main Street in West Liberty last Saturday. as a part the West Liberty-Morgan County Christmas Festival. The parade included a number of colorful floats trimmed in holiday decor, antique tractors, and ATVs representing the local ATV Association. Jolly old St. Nick was a passenger on one of the floats. At the end of the parade he met with boys and girls in the courthouse square and shared treats. The crowd joined in the singing of Christmas carols, led by Morgan County Judge Executive Tim Conley, as the children visited with Santa. Festival events later in the day included lighting of the traditional Nativity scene on the Courthouse lawn, an Old Fashion Country Christmas Concert, featuring the Appalachian Troubadours, the Morgan County Honors Band, and a special appearance by Elvis impersonator Billy Nickell. Throughout the Friday and Saturday festival, local merchants served free refreshments as they welcomed holiday shoppers. Christmas auctions, bazaars, and a well-attended teen dance on Friday rounded out the activities.

Photos By Miranda James and Carla Collinsworth

Water plant shut down last week by electrical problem

Major crisis avoided but damage estimate is around $150,000

An electrical problem that occurred around 2:00 a.m. on Monday of last week destroyed the electrical wiring and control panel as well as one of the two main pumps at the West Liberty water treatment plant at Cave Run Lake, leaving residents in some areas without water until late Thursday and necessitating a boil-water order that remained in effect for both West Liberty and county water district customers at press time

"The lights at the plant went off about 2:00 a.m. When the lights came back on a worker went to restart the pump found it (an apparent electrical surge) had fried all the wiaring and the pump," said West Liberty City Clerk Sally Barker.

Workers scrambled throughout most of the rest of the week to hook up the plant's second pump but, with the electrical boxes and control panels inoperable, had to wait until electricity could be rerouted to the pump station.

In the meantime, the water department was able to secure two portable diesel pumps from a Cincinnati firm and with the help of the county water district, which allowed water from its system to backflow into the city's lines, was able to prevent a major crisis, although some high-lying neighborhoods were without water most of the week.

Eventually, workers were able to start the plant's second pump, which enabled pumping to resume late Thursday afternoon. But all of West Liberty was running out of water by the time electrical lines could be switched out to "hot-wire" the pump and water again began to flow.

"The (city's storage) tank on Johnson Hill was completely dry when the pump was finally turned on," Barker said.

Barker said on Monday, the initial estimate of damage to the pump and the plant's electrical system and control panels is around $150,000.00. Contractors estimate that the plant could be back in full operation in a week or two, she said.

Salvation Army holding annual kettle campaign

By Miranda Cantrell James

Salvation Army volunteers are collecting monetary donations for the needy again this year at local grocery stores, as part of the organization's annual Christmas kettle drive.

The Morgan County Ministerial Association is heading this year's campaign, with members of area churches and civic organizations and other individuals ringing bells at IGA and Save-A-Lot.

Grace Baptist Church Pastor Mike Lindon said that this year's effort is smaller due to recent scheduling conflicts and family illness for local Salvation Army Chairman Rick Lewis and Treasurer Barry Evans.

"We are only going to have three kettles this year," Lindon said. "It is a smaller group of volunteers than in the past, but our goal is to raise $4,000 – as we did last year."

Lindon noted that 80 percent of kettle drive proceeds stay in Morgan County to provide funding for medical treatment and travel, winter heating and other emergency needs.

"Applications for assistance are reviewed on a case-by-case basis," Lindon said. "We try to find areas where help is not currently available. If we cannot meet an applicant's need, we try to refer them to organizations that can, such as the Red Cross or Gateway. Morgan County is fortunate to have many organizations that assist the needy.

"Salvation Army funds have helped many local cancer patients and sick children. Sometimes it can be hard to come up

See KETTLE Page 5-B

List of hopefuls for May primary now stands at 21

As of Monday, 16 candidates had filed for nomination to electded office in Morgan, subject to the May 18, 2010, primary election. They include:

Stanley Riggsby (D) (incumbent), Magistrate, Dist. 3; Darby Franklin (D) (incumbent), Property Valuation Administrator; Steve Keeton (D), (Magistrate, Dist. 3; Mickey Whitt (D) (incumbent), Sheriff; Kenny Perry (D), Sheriff; Jimmy Darrell Easterling (D) (incumbent), Jailer; Ben Castle (D), Sheriff; Tim Conley (R) (incumbent), Judge Executive; Denzil Potter (D) (incumbent), Magistrate, Dist. 1; Darris Smith (D), Magistrate, Dist. 2; Shannon Elam (D), Magistrate, Dist. 5; Joseph B. Curd (D) (incumbent), County Surveyor; Elba Goodpaster, Jr., Masgistrate, Dist. 4; Raymond Vancleve, Coroner; Frankie Spencer (incumbent), Magistrate, Dist. 4; Kim Gevedon, County Attorney; D. Joleen Frederick, County Attorney; Randy Williams (incumbent), County Clerk; Carl Dean Smith, Magistrate, Dist. 2; Everett D. Elliott, Jr., Constable Dist. 3; Frankie Kemplin, Magistrate, Dist. 4.

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Rotary keeps pressure on polio; partners with Gates Foundation

For 20 years, Rotary clubs have remained determined to do whatever is necessary to achieve a world free of the crippling disease polio.

Recognizing this commitment--as well as Rotary's important role as a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative--the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundaton recently awarded Rotary a US $250 million challenge grant, which Rotary will match with an additional $100 million.

This raises to $550 million the total funds generated by the two organizations since the Gates Foundation awarded its first $100 million challenge grant to Rotary in 2007. The funds re dedicated to polio eradication activities in polio-endemic and high-risk countries.

Although polio epidemics may be a distant memory in most of the developed world--the last case of naturally occurring polio in the United States occurred in 1979, and cases have been reduced by 99 percent worldwide--it still threatens children in parts of Asia, Africa, and the middle East. But for as little as 60 cents worth of oral polio vaccine, a child can be protected for life.

However, a major funding gap now faces the polio eradication initiative. Twenty years of steady progress is at stake, and polio could stage a dangerous comeback unless additional resources are secured, which is why Rotary and the Gates Foundation have forged this historic funding agreement.

Since launching its landmark PolioPlus program in 1985, Rotary, an international humanitarian service organization, already



Bill Gates Jr. administers oral polio vaccine to a child in Hanoi, Vietnam.

has contributed more than $700 million to the cause, in addition to countless volunteer hours logged by rotary club members worldwide. With that kind of track record, Rotary readily accepted the funding challenge from the Gates Foundation. Rotary's membership of 1.2 million women and men--representing 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas--embraced the effort by digging deeper into their own pockets, planning special fundraisers, and rallying community support. They know that the goal of a polio-free world is within reach, and that success is the only option.

To learn how you can participate in this historic opportunity to end polio once and for all, please visit rotary.org/endpolio.

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Conservation plan key to USDA NRCS assistance

Application deadline for WHIP and EQIP pgm. participation is Jan. 29

After the harvest season, November is usually the time we celebrate and give thanks. It is also time for producers and landowners to consider planning for the next growing season.

Each fiscal year, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) sets dates for program application ranking. Although dates may vary from one program to another, landowners may sign up at any time for all conservation programs.

Conservation planning is an integral part of the conservation process and anyone seeking cost share assistance will be provided an up-to-date conservation plan that includes the practices needed to address their resource concerns.

The conservation plan allows the landowner to combine farming skills with the technology tools available from NRCS and conservation district staff, to provide the best and up-to-date information used to apply conservation practices and make decisions regarding the natural resources on the land.

Anyone can apply for assistance whether or not they have a conservation plan, but the first step will be develop a plan that meets the particular objectives.

There are two programs, WHIP and EQIP, with an upcoming cut-off of January 29, 2010, for application ranking. The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) also has an ongoing signup period, but a ranking cut-off date has not yet been identified for CSP.

As in past years, assistance is available on crop land, pasture land, hay land and forest land.

If you are interested in participating in Farm Bill conservation programs, you should sing up as soon as possible and request conservation plan. For more information, contact Marty McCleese, NRCS district conservationist at 606-743-3194.

Morgan County Youth agriculture development pgm.

Morgan County 4-H members ages 7-19 will be eligible to receive up to $500 cost share grant to implement a 4-H livestock or agricultural project. This agriculture project can be used to purchase livestock (i.e. goat, sheep, beef, dairy, chickens, hogs or raising crops). There can only be one project animal per child.

The grant must be matched dollar for dollar and a receipt must be submitted before reimbursement or a bill to be paid directly to a vendor. Youth that receive the grant are required to participate in the 4-H Livestock Club, and attend six hours of livestock education offered by the Certified Livestock Volunteer.

Grant applications will then be available at the Morgan County Extension Office on Dec. 9, and the deadline for the applications will be January 15 at 4:30 p.m. For more information call Kim Cox at 743-3292.

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From the children of Glen Edward Havens



On behalf of our Dad, Glen Havens, we the children--Mike Havens, Ralph Havens, and Naomi "Ginger" Havens Lykins--would like to say a heartfelt and blessed thank you to all the friends, family and businesses that comforted us in our loss of our Dad, Glen Edward Havens. Each one of you all is special in our hearts. The phone calls, the food, the cards, e-mails and coming by to sit and talk about the wonderful life of our Dad. Second to God, Dad was the greatest man and teacher that we have ever known. He served the United States of America with honor and after leaving the army he was a light for us children to follow. Our hearts are heavy but our souls are rejoicing because Dad has won the greatest victory any soldier can accomplish. That is the victory of everlasting life.

Thank you and may God bless,

Michael Glen Havens,
Ralph Edward Havens,
Naomi Mae "Ginger"
Havens Lykins
(pd)

Randy Sheets

Randall Lee Sheets of Nicholasville, Ky., formerly of West Liberty, Ky., passed away Saturday, December 5, 2009, at his residence, at the age of 54 years, 8 months, and 25 days. He was born March 10, 1955, in West Liberty, Ky., a son of Crystal Crase Sheets and the late L.H. "Buster" Sheets.

Randy served his country in the United States Marines.

He was preceded in death by his father, L.H. "Buster" Sheets.

He is survived by his mother, Crystal Sheets of West Liberty, Ky.; seven siblings, Charlotte Bernish of Eustis, Fla., Linda Lottich of Naperville, Ill., Georgia Sheets of Lexington, Ky., Hershell and Brenda Sheets of Sandy Hook, Ky., Billy and Faye Sheets, and Gary Sheets, all of West Liberty, Ky., and Tammy and Denis Sands of Butterfield, Minn.; six nieces and nephews, Cathy Bernish -Jones, Amy Bader, Rachelle Stevens, Scott Lottich, Lori Sturgill, and Jason Smith; nine great nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was conducted at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at the Potter Funeral Home with Elder Jimmy Adkins officiating. Burial in Coffey-Sheets Cemetery, West Liberty, Ky., with Potter Funeral Home in charge.

Pallbearers: Family and Friends.

Sign guest book at www.potterfuneralhomeinc.com

Billy Wagers

Billy Ray Wagers of Mt. Sterling, Ky., formerly of Hazel Green, Ky., passed away Sunday, December 6, 2009, at St. Joseph Mt. Sterling Hospital, at the age of 61 years, 5 months, and 29 days. He was born on Monday, June 7, 1948, in Oklahoma City, Okla., a son of the late William Chester and Carrie Mae Wallace Wagers.

Billy was a retired custodian. He was an active Mason and a member of the Highland Masonic Lodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by three children, Billy Wagers, Jr., and wife Kelly of Magoffin County, Ky., Kristy Lykins and husband Tony of Owingsville, Ky., and Crystal Tenorio of Houston, Tex.; nine grandchildren, Hunter, Tristan, Olivia, Natalie, Emmanuel, Nathaniel, Dakota, Samuel, and Cheyenne, and one brother, Jim Wagers of North Carolina.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m., Friday, December 11, 2009, at the Wheelrim Baptist Church with burial to follow in the Crase Family Cemetery, Wheelrim, Ky.. Visitation 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 9, and Thursday, December 10, 2009, at the Wheelrim Baptist Church. Masonic Services will be held conducted on Thursday, December 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Potter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Sign guest book at www.potterfuneralhomeinc.com

Lois Klapheke

Lois Vest Klapheke, 72, of Lexington, Ky., passed away October 3, 2009. She was a member of Cathedral of Christ the King and retired from Consolidated Electrical Distributors.

Lois was raised at Ezel, Ky., and has several relatives in Morgan County.

She was preceded in death by a son, John Klapheke III, and her parents, Tom Henry and Miriam Cora Hamilton Vest of Ezel, Ky.

Survivors include a daughter, Pauline Klapheke of Lexington, Ky.; three brothers, Thomas Vest, William (Ruth) Vest and Ira (Brenda) Vest; two sisters, Juanita Vest and Gay Fleming; two grandchildren, Thomas (Tiffany) Klapheke and Andrew Klapheke; a great-grandchild, Taberlee Klapheke; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Boorman, and ten nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was conducted Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009, at Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington with Reverend Danny Fister officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery with Milward Funeral Home, Southland in charge.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Hospice of the Bluegrass.

Dealing with a diabetes diagnosis as an older adult

By the National Diabetes Education Program

If you have been told by a health care professional that you have type 2 diabetes, it is normal to feel anxious or uncertain. But you are not alone – almost 10.5 million adults aged 60 and older in the United

States have diabetes. Diabetes is serious, but you can manage it. The National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) offers tips to help older adults learn to manage diabetes, avoid or delay serious complications, and live longer, healthier lives.

What does a diabetes diagnosis mean to me?

A diabetes diagnosis means that your blood glucose (sugar) is too high. You will need to keep your blood glucose under control to help you avoid or delay serious complications such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness, nerve damage, and other health problems.

Your blood always has some glucose in it because your body needs it for energy, but too much is not good for your health. Your pancreas makes insulin, which helps glucose get from your blood into your cells. Cells then take glucose and turn it into energy. If you have type 2 diabetes, the pancreas still makes some insulin but cells cannot use it very well. You may need to take insulin or pills to help your body's supply of insulin work better.

You'll need to take good care of yourself and your diabetes to feel better and stay healthy. One way to help prevent diabetes complications is to manage your ABCs:

A is for the A1C test. It measures your average blood glucose level over the past three months.

B is for blood pressure. High blood pressure makes your heart work too hard.

C is for cholesterol. Bad cholesterol, or LDL, builds up and clogs your arteries.

Ask your health care team these questions so you can know how to manage your ABCs:

Should I check my blood glucose? If so, when, and how often?

What should I do if my blood glucose is too high or too low?

What are my ABC numbers? What should my ABC numbers be?

Do I qualify for any Medicare benefits that will help me manage my diabetes?

How can I learn more about how to make healthy food choices and be physically active?

Where can I learn more about how to manage my diabetes?

Learn how to make small changes to manage your diabetes.

Healthy eating and regular physical activity are keys to good health at any age – especially if you have diabetes. Choose healthy foods such as fruits and vegetables, fish, lean meats, chicken or turkey without the skin, dry peas or beans, whole grains, and low-fat or nonfat milk products. If you are unable to cook for yourself, find out about a community program in your area that serves or delivers meals. Call the Eldercare Locator at 1-800-677-1116 for information on the program nearest you.

Physical activity can improve your strength, flexibility, and balance. Ask a health care professional about ways you can safely increase the amount of physical activity you do. Set 2

small goals to start until you reach at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week. If allowed, work toward doing strength exercises on two or three days a week – strengthening activities require your muscles to use force against a resistance, such as gravity, weights, or exercise bands. Ask your family, friends, and younger people in your life to help you. They can encourage you, lend a hand with setbacks, and be there to celebrate your successes!

Understand which diabetes benefits are cover by Medicare.

Medicare pays for part of the cost of diabetes equipment and supplies, including blood glucose meters, test strips, and lancets. It also covers diabetes self-management training, which helps you learn how to manage diabetes, and medical nutrition therapy services, which help you learn which foods are best to eat and how much food is right for you. Medicare Part B helps pay for other services such as an A1C test, dilated eye exam to check for diabetic eye diseases, glaucoma screening, flu shot and pneumococcal pneumonia shot, and foot care if you have nerve damage in either foot due to diabetes. Additionally, Medicare Part D helps cover the cost of prescription drugs. Talk to your health care professional about the Medicare benefits available to you and call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit www.medicare.gov for more information.

It is never too late to make healthy changes to take control of your diabetes. For more information about managing diabetes as an older adult, contact the National Diabetes Education Program at 1-888-693-NDEP (6337) or www.YourDiabetesInfo.org and order your free copy of The Power to Control Diabetes Is in Your Hands and 4 Steps to Control Your Diabetes. For Life. The Weight-control Information Network also has free resources to help older adults with weight control and physical activity. To order a copy of Young At Heart: Tips for Older Adults, call 1-877-946-4627. call 1-877-946-4627.

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AUTUMN ROYALTY

Summer time is clothed in greenery, and winter is clothed in white, Spring is like a rainbow, But autumn--what a sight. She is royalty of the seasons as she dons her rustic robe. She walks with regal bearing and she is crowned in gold. Spread about is her carpet of many colors on the ground. While confetti leaves are showered. Fall comes marching down.

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One day a florist goes to a barber for a haircut. After the cut he asks about his bill and the barber replies, "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week."

The florist was pleased and left the shop.

When the barber goes to open his shop the next morning there is a thank you card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door. Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replies, "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week."

The cop is happy and leaves the shop. The next morning when the barber goes to open up, there is a thank you card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Later that day, a college professor comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replies, "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week."

The professor is very happy and leaves the shop. The next morning when the barber opens his shop, there is a thank you card and a dozen different books, such as, "How to Improve Your Business" and "Becoming More Successful."

Then, a congressman comes in for a haircut, and when he goes to pay his bill the barber again replies, "I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week."

The Congressman is very happy and leaves the shop. The next morning when the barber goes to open up, there are a dozen congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the members of our congress.

Vote carefully this year!

—Submitted

WORDS OF WISDOM

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– Clive Sinclair
Inventor

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By Alpha Clevenger

Nov. 30--Sympathy is extended to those who are bereaved. Get well wishes to the sick and shutins.

Barry came on Saturday, Dec. 5, and helped me string up my Christmas lights on the outside and it sure was cold, but we got them done. Thanks to him. He sure was good help, and later Dempsey came and helped me and fixed my bathroom where there was a leak in the shower. Thanks to him. Glad to have their help.

Thanksgiving day guest were Dempsey and Rosie, Joy and family, Barry didn't get to make it on that day. He will probably be here the day after Thanksgiving and eat with me. That would be good. I missed him a lot. The dinner consisted of turkey and all the trimmings. It was good to get together with family. We enjoyed it very much. We missed Jared and his dad. Glad to have others visit with us.

Gayle called Tuesday, Nov. 24, Good to hear from her again. She was telling me and thanking me for the prayers that was sent out for Melanie when she was hospitalized recently. She is now at home and improving. We're glad to hear that. I had called several people to ask prayer for her because she was seriously ill. The good Lord heard and answered prayers. We're so thankful for all He does for His people.

I talked to Dinah Davis, of Montgomery County, on Thanksgiving day. She called to check on me. Thanks so much and God bless you. You are a nice and sweet person. The weather sure has changed since Wednesday, it was such a beautiful and sunny day and on Thursday, Thanksgiving day, it turned cold and windy and we heard the wether man is giving some light snow. I hope so, but I don't think it will snow only flurries, but it won't be too long before we have a lot of snow. I love to see th snow falling. I got up on Thanksgiving morning early and I became ill and in pain. I way trying to cook Thanksgiving dinner and I got so ill I had to lie down awhile and then my daughter came and went to work helping me to cook dinner. I was so thankful she was here. She's one of the best hands to do any kind of work in and around the house.

Then Dempsey and Rosie came and helped do some work. Thanks to my kids for being such good workers. I guess they take that after me (their mother). I always taught them to work and I'm glad I did.

Karen Lewis, of Louisa, called the day after Thanksgiving. Good to hear from her. It had been a while. We talked over an hour on the phone and she said she had been on the sick list for sometime. I told her I pray for her every day and that I would get prayer cloths when I go to church and the prayer cloths are anointed with oil and I'd mail them to her and she said she prayed and prayed that God would touch and heal her, because she had been very sick. I would like to ask all Christians thats reading this to please pray for her every time you pray. She is a good person. God can hear and answer prayer. Melonie, the woman that I requested prayer for and called several to ask them to pray for her, now she is back home from the hospital and is improved. God heard and answered prayers. Everyone is thankful for that. She had been seriosly ill. Get well wishes to Barbara, who has been in the hospital for a couple of weeks at Morehead. On Saturday it was such a beautiful and sunny day and the sky was a heavenly blue and bright and the temperatures were around fifty five or warmer. A good day to get outside and put up Christmas lights but i nevr got to put up any that day. I plan to in a day or so, weather permitting. I have to have some help when I put them up. But sometimes its hard to get someone to help.

We always listen to Rev. Vernon Lewis on the radio station each Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. and the others and Helen Lewis and singers at 11:30 on W.L.K.S. West Liberty.

Barry called Saturday a few times to check on me. Glad to hear from him. He said he may come down Sunday to visit me. I sure hope he does.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jerry Perry who passed away recently. He was our neighbor and had been on the sick list for a while. May God bless and comfort all his family. They were good people. We've known them for a long time.

How are you Sue Kinner? I guess you and Earl are enjoying this beautiful weather as everyone has been.

Joy called on saturday to check on me. Thanks for calling me and call again soon. Good to hear from you.

I enjoy watching W.L.J.C. each evening and the beautiful gospel songs they sing and also the preacing. its a good channel to watch.

I was sitting here writing and the good Lord put it on my heart to please ask everyone who knows the worth of prayer to please remember me when you pray. I've been suffering for some time now and I am losing weight every day and don't have a good appetite. I have been worrying a lot, too. Pray for me and all my family. Thank you and God bless you.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Naomi Lewis who lost a family member recently. May God bless and comfort all the family in their loss. I know how they feel. It's so sad especially around the holidays.

Joy called Sunday morning and I hadn't got up yet. We talked a long time. Good o hear from her. They were fine and trying to stay warm. It seemed to me this was the coldest mornng we've had, and a big, white frost. Saturday morning we had an inch of snow, but it soon melted off.

I was walking near my home on Saturday evening late and a car stopped and I saw who it was. Ronnie and Debbie Flagg, and we talked a while. It was good to see them again. It had been a while. They had been in from Dayton, Ohio, to check on everything at their place here and I forgot to ask them about her mother and other relatives. i don't know if theyw ere going back to Dayton last night or not. I wish they would move back here to live for a while. I heard recently that the woman. I had requested prayer for several times that she was back in the hospital, but I haven't heard in the last few days about her condition. her name is Melonie. Everyone pray for her and her family.

I probably won't write another column till after Christmas and I'd like to wish all the Courier readers and everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless you and yours.

I was walking at the park recently and I saw a squirrel and he was in a tree and running up and down and going from one tree to the other and in a few minutes I saw another one and he was doing the same and then all of a sudden I saw another one and that made three of them and they were so busy and quick and I stood and looked at them for awhile and thinking how beautiful they were and at their work. I thanked the Lord for all the little creatures. God made them and all others for the world to see and for a purpose.

Thank God for all His handi work and for all his creations.

Merry Christmas to the Courier and staff.

Free Vascular Screenings

King's Daughters Medical Center, in cooperation with the Kentucky Heart Foundation, is offering a free vascular screening to those 50 and older beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, on the KDMC Mobile Health Unit at Advance Auto Parts, 323 Main St., West Liberty, Ky. KDMC nurse practitioner **Brian Davis** will review your results immediately following your screening.

Tests include:

Lipid profile: A breakdown of cholesterol levels, including HDL, LDL, triglycerides and total cholesterol.

Blood glucose: Level of sugar in the blood.

Ankle brachial index (ABI): A measurement of blood pressure at the ankle to check for signs of peripheral artery disease (PAD).

Electrocardiogram (EKG): A non-invasive test to measure electrical activity of the heart by attaching electrodes to the skin.

Appointments are required by calling **1.888.377.KDMC (5362).** Fasting is required, and additional guidelines may apply, which help us see those most at risk for vascular disease.

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Sandra Carpenter-Conway

Dec. 7 — Get well wishes go out to the sick and shut-ins. And to those who have lost family members.

We need to remember the ones who have lost family members during the holidays. It's a very depressing and troubled time for some of the surviving families not having there loved ones with them. When you whisper a prayer say a special one for them.

Get well wishes go out to Bill Smith, who was a patient at Central Baptist Hospital from Thursday through Sunday. Hope you get to feeling well.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Montgomery had a mini vacation during the Thanksgiving season. They traveled to Branson, Missouri for several days and reported a good time while there.

On Thanksgiving Day, Carolyn Montgomery visited with Stephanie and Glendon and girls and brought home a plate lunch for her and Mason to enjoy. On Dec 4, Carolyn and Mason had dinner with her daughter, Paula, and then again on Sunday, Dec. 6. after church services. Also, Paula's friend, Tina, ate with them.

Visitors of Mr.and Ms. Mason Montgomery on Saturday, Dec. 5, were Mason's sister, Phyllis, from Ohio, and Debbie Doolittle from Ohio, and his brother, Clyde Montgomery.

Kristie Goodpaster of Bardstown, Ky., visited on Dec. 6 with her father, Harold Goodpaster, and they drove to the nursing home in Campton and visited with Venus. Venus remains the same, good days and not so good days. Kristie also visited with Aleshia Lawson of Ezel before traveling back home.

Perry and Sandra Conway enjoyed a mini vacation this weekend. We traveled to London, Ky., on Friday morning and stayed overnight and went to Vendor's Market, and the Great Flea Market on Saturday. Then on the way home we stopped in Hazard at the flea market there and did some shopping. We had an enjoyable trip but were glad to get back home.

On Saturday morning, we woke up to our first snow. It was very beautiful, but very cold. But it's that time of the year. So we need to go ahead and enjoy it and wish for old man winter to move on.

Now for the belated birthdays and upcoming birthdays and anniversaries: Roy and Betty Poe (anniversary) Dec 4, Charlie Kelly (Dec. 3), Teresa Poe (Dec. 4), Carolyn Montgomery (Dec. 6), Connie Kelly (Dec. 9), Allen Keeton (Dec 13).

Also Mason and Carolyn would like to send out birthday wishes to: Betty Hopkins (Dec. 1), Danny Price (Dec. 1), David Bolin (Dec. 13), Sandy Montgomery (Dec. 13), Phyllis (Dec. 8)

If anyone has seen a black cat with white on it in the Kellacey area, I'm missing one. It's a family pet, been gone for two weeks. If you have seen it please call. It's very gentle and loveable.

If you read last week's column I wrote a riddle. The answer is "TIME".

If you would like to report news, feel free to call 725-4186.

POPCORN BALLS

1/4 cup (1/2) stick butter or margarine

1 (10 oz) bag mini marshallows

1 package (4 oz. serving) Jello brand gelatin, any flavor

3 quarts popped porcorn

Heat butter and marshmallows in large microwave bowl on HIGH (1-2) minutes or until marshmallows are puffed. Add gelatin: stir to blend, pour marshmallow mixture over the popcorn and stir to coat. Shape into balls with buttered hands. Enjoy.

WORDS OF WISDOM

The cream of enjoyment in this life is always impromptu. The chance walk; the unexpected visit;; the unpremeditated journey; the unsought conversation or acquaintance.

– Fanny Fern
Writer/columnist

4-H demonstration contest is scheduled for Dec. 17th

Several Morgan County Youth have been working diligently to participate in the fourth annual County 4-H Demonstration Contest. There are over 80 youth who have the opportunity to work for a partial scholarship for 4-H Summer Camp.

The County Demonstration contest will be held Thursday, Dec. 17, at Morgan Central Elementary School. The event will be at 6 p.m. with an opening ceremony in the cafeteria. All 4-H participants need to arrive by 5:30 p.m. to get checked into their category and settled before the event begins.

This event is open for all to attend and to support our Morgan County youth as they exhibit an extraordinary amount of hard work to excel at their communication skills. These youth have already placed as blue ribbon winners in their classrooms and are now competing for an opportunity to compete at District in the spring and hopefully at state in the summer.

For more information about this event, please contact the Morgan County Extension Office at 743-3292.

C-12-10-4t

Lacy Creek

Dec. 7--Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis have been Joyce LeMaster, Janice Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. Kennell Lewis, and Darrell Watson. Joyce LeMaster visited last week with Jewell Young. Justin Gibbs visited last week with Terry Gibbs. Terry visited with Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Nickell recently.

Nova Lea Roe and Shelby visited Saturday with Jan Jones and Bernice and Julie Johnson on Saturday.

Jonathan and Charity Nickell spent Monday through Wednesday recently with Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell. Randa and Shelby Nickell spent Thursday through Friday with the Nickells. Other visitors of the Nickells have been Bear Brooks, Patty Ball, and Tesa Conley. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Nickell ahd children, Mr. and Mrs. Ghram Martin, Jessica Francis, Mikel Helton, Langley Lykins ate Thanksgiving dinner with Lexie Frances. The Nickells visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gullett.

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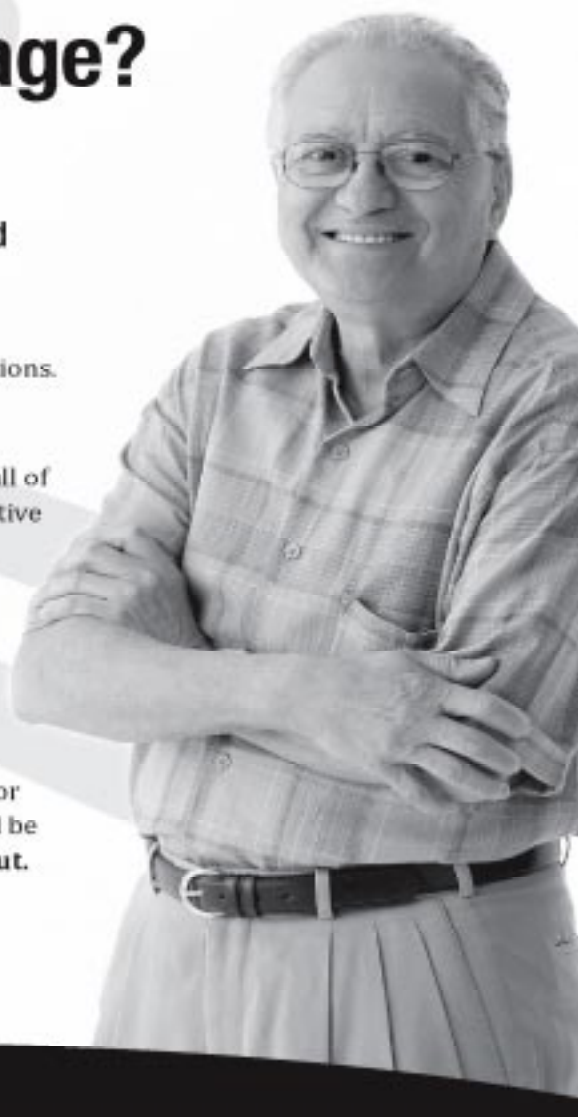
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A howling good time at the library

A howling good time was had by all at the Morgan County Public Library's Halloween Fun Night on Oct. 28. Costume contest winners are shown here.

Your Social Security

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question: I worked for the last 10 years, and I now have my 40 credits of coverage for Social Security. Does this mean that I get the maximum Social Security retirement benefit?

Answer: No. While eligibility for benefits is based on having 40 credits, the amount of your benefit is based on how much you earned over your lifetime. We determine your average earnings over your working years and use a special formula set by law to determine your benefit amount. For most people, their benefit amount is average of the highest 35 years of earnings. To learn more, read our online publication, How You Earn Credits, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10072.html.

Question: I run a small business and I plan to hire a few employees. How can I verify that the Social Security card is valid?

Answer: There are more than 50 different versions of the Social Security card, all of which are valid. And, until 1976, original cards and replacement cards were different. Although there are many versions of the card in circulation, all prior versions of the card are valid.

In any case, it is the Social Security number that is important. The best way for employers to verify a name and Social Security number is to use the free Social Security Number Verification Service (SSNVS). Once an employer registers for Business Services Online (BSO) at www.socialsecurity.gov/bso, the employer can start using SSNVS. SSNVS allows them to quickly verify whether a person's name and number match Social Security's records.

You can also use BSO's new Telephone Number Employment Verification System (TNEV) to verify numbers at any time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Learn more about this service at www.socialsecurity.gov/bso.

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NEWS OF RECORD

CIRCUIT COURT

New civil cases – Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Kelly Howard, Dec.3.

DISTRICT COURT

New civil cases – Baptist Healthcare Systems, Inc. vs. Melissa Daniel, Nov. 30; Capital One Bank vs. Ronnie L. Hicks, Nov. 30; Teresa A. Eldridge vs. Brian K. Eldridge, Dec. 1; Cassie N. Back vs. Jason E. Back, Dec. 3; Discover Bank vs. Jerry A. Bishop, Dec. 3; Sandra L. Gibbs vs. Richard D. Fletcher et al, Dec. 3.

ARRAIGNMENTS

Robert S. Crase – operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – rescheduled Jan. 12.

Kimberly J. Dalton – speeding 5 mph over limit, no/expired registration plates, failure to produce insurance card – failed to appear, bench warrant issued.

Jeffrey L. Evans – theft by deception including cold checks under $500 – pled guilty, $50.

Ritchie Helton – failure to produce insurance card – pled guilty, $500.

Steven K. King – receiving stolen property under $10,000 – preliminary hearing Dec. 8.

Edward Pack – failure to wear seatbelts, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card – order entered.

Preliminary hearing – John E. Hall – theft by unlawful taking (auto), leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance – rescheduled Dec. 8.

Preliminary hearing – Rodney Keeton – criminal possession of a forged instrument (11 counts) – rescheduled Dec.8.

Pre-trial conference – Norvin D. Mabery – operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – pled guilty, 90 days; display/possession of cancelled/fictitious operator's license – pled guilty, 90 days.

Shawn McCarty – burglary (first degree) – preliminary hearing Dec. 8.

Preliminary hearing – Montana Phipps – rescheduled Dec. 8.

Preliminary hearing – Montana Phipps – receiving stolen property (firearm) – rescheduled Dec. 8.

Pre-trial conference – Lora Lee Barker – assault (fourth degree domestic violence; minor injury) – rescheduled Jan. 19.

Preliminary hearing – Edwin L. Barker – theft of property lost/mislaid/delivered by mistake – matter bound over to grand jury.

Pre-trial conference – Michael B. Lumpkins – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – rescheduled Jan.12.

Pre-trial conference – Gary E. Smith – failure to wear seatbelts,, obstructed vision and/or windshield, failure to notify address change to department of transportation, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – order entered.

Court trial – William Daniel Lykins – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – rescheduled Dec. 8.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The Citizens Bank to David Thaxton and Patricia G., a parcel of land lying along the south side of U.S. Hwy. 460 in the city of West Liberty at the jct. of U.S. Hwy. 460 and River Road, containing 1.50 acres, $61,500.

First National Bank to David Bowman and Janie, 28 acres, more or less, located on the left hand fork of Boggs Branch, near Greg Phipps line, $40,000.

Dwayne Lykins and Heather to Travis W. Haney and Nicole, beginning at an 18 ft. right of way with Ronald and Debbie Smith line and Everene Havens line, $17,000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Randy Williams, Morgan County Court Clerk, has issued the following marriage licenses.

Nikki R. Bailey, 17, of West Liberty, daughter of Linda Peters Bailey and Bobby Bailey, to James K. Jones, 21, of Cannel City, son of Bernetta Workman Jones and Ricky Jones.

Lanova Lee Christina Noble, 19, of Ezel, daughter of Juanita Nickell Noble and Ricky Dean Noble, to Shaun Douglas Cantrell, 18, of West Liberty, son of Johnda Marie Keeton Cantrell and Shaun Cantrell.



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• Make sure the generator is listed by an independent testing organization, such as Underwriter's Laboratory (UL)

• Protect the generator from exposure to rain, but under no circumstances should generators be used indoors, including garage. Do not operate the generator near any open windows or doorways.

• Before using a generator, make sure you have installed a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm near sleeping areas to alert you in the event of increased levels of CO in your home.

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Ralph has been diagnosed with cancer and will soon begin radiation and chemotherapy. To help with the cost of medical bills, a benefit will be held on Saturday, December 12th at 3:00 p.m. at The Assembly of Faith Church, Highway 519, West Liberty. The benefit will include singing provided by local musicians and groups; a dinner for $5.00 per plate; and an auction. All donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information contact:
Joyce Wright (606) 776-9891
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C-11-26-3T NC

2009 Christmas Parade in pictures





Colorful and exciting . . . But boy, was it c-o-o-l-d!

Photos By Carla Collinsworth













Conservation plan key to USDA NRCS assistance

Application deadline for WHIP and EQIP pgm. participation is Jan. 29

After the harvest season, November is usually the time we celebrate and give thanks. It is also time for producers and landowners to consider planning for the next growing season.

Each fiscal year, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) sets dates for program application ranking. Although dates may vary from one program to another, landowners may sign up at any time for all conservation programs.

Conservation planning is an integral part of the conservation process and anyone seeking cost share assistance will be provided an up-to-date conservation plan that includes the practices needed to address their resource concerns.

The conservation plan allows the landowner to combine farming skills with the technology tools available from NRCS and conservation district staff, to provide the best and up-to-date information used to apply conservation practices and make decisions regarding the natural resources on the land.

Anyone can apply for assistance whether or not they have a conservation plan, but the first step will be develop a plan that meets the particular objectives.

There are two programs, WHIP and EQIP, with an upcoming cut-off of January 29, 2010, for application ranking. The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) also has an ongoing signup period, but a ranking cut-off date has not yet been identified for CSP.

As in past years, assistance is available on crop land, pasture land, hay land and forest land.

If you are interested in participating in Farm Bill conservation programs, you should sing up as soon as possible and request conservation plan. For more information, contact Marty McCleese, NRCS district conservationist at 606-743-3194.

C-12-10-8t

Police looking for thieves who raided vending machine

West Liberty police are looking for two suspects who were caught stealing change from Coke machine dispensers at West Liberty IGA. The suspects appear to be a male who opened the machines and a female with dark hair operating the vehicle. The vehicle they were driving appeared to be a 1990s model white Dodge minivan. The suspects had a key to open the machines. There was no damage to the machines.

Morgan County COPS FOR KIDS

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The Judge's Corner



By Tim Conley
Morgan County Judge/Executive

Hello from Judge Tim Conley & Staff:

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and is looking forward to a merry Christmas!

We just celebrated an old fashioned Christmas weekend in Morgan County and West Liberty, with lots of free activities. Thanks to all of the local merchants who served refreshments throughout the weekend. We had so much fun lighting the nativity scene and singing Christmas carols on the courthouse lawn while drinking hot chocolate.

The teen dance was also a great success on Friday night. Participants had a surprise visit from jolly old Santa Claus, with his sack full of goodies on his back.

Again on Saturday, we had such a wonderful day with a parade at 1 p.m. We had over 200 elementary school children in the parade. A concert held later that evening featuring the Morgan County Honor Band, Elvis impersonator Billy Nickell and the Appalachian Troubadours was a huge hit with everyone.

On Sunday after church, the play An Honest Politician was a great hit. Jack Hill was the writer and director of the play. It was excellent, and the local performers were just wonderful. I hope we had an opportunity to see more of this kind of entertainment throughout the year.

I would like to thank the West Liberty Tourism Commission, Kiwanis Club and Community Center for working together to make this event happen, as well as all of the schools, parents, teachers, kids, merchants and citizens involved. Thanks to Laden Ferguson for pulling Santa through the parade, and to Grover Frederick and his family for letting us use their parking lot to start the parade.

Again, thank you each and every one! I hope you all had a wonderful, fun-filled weekend.

Thanks also to all of you for allowing me to be your county judge. I will continue to serve you to the best of my ability.

You may contact me by writing to Judge Executive Tim Conley, 450 Prestonsburg St., West Liberty, KY 41472, calling 606-743-3897 or e-mailing mcfc.tc@gmail.com.

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• If you see or have information on any criminal activity, we ask that you contact us at 606-743-4385 or on our website at www.westlibertypd.com. **We do not** want your name, but we do want your information.

• West Liberty Police Department will conduct safety checkpoints in addition to moving patrols during throughout the remainder of the year.

Weekly Activity Report
Cases/Investigations

• 2 theft by unlawful taking under $500.
• 1 terroristic threatening

Arrests

• 2 bench warrants
• 1 DUI
• 1 arrest warrant (theft by unlawful taking under $500).
• Citations issued: 8
• Non-injury accidents: 3
• Injury accidents: 0

E-911 Calls For Service

• County wide: 108
• City: 59

ELAM UTILITY COMPANY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



ELAM UTILITY COMPANY will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25. And we will be closed on Thursday, December 31, and Friday, January 1, 2010, for the New Year Holiday.

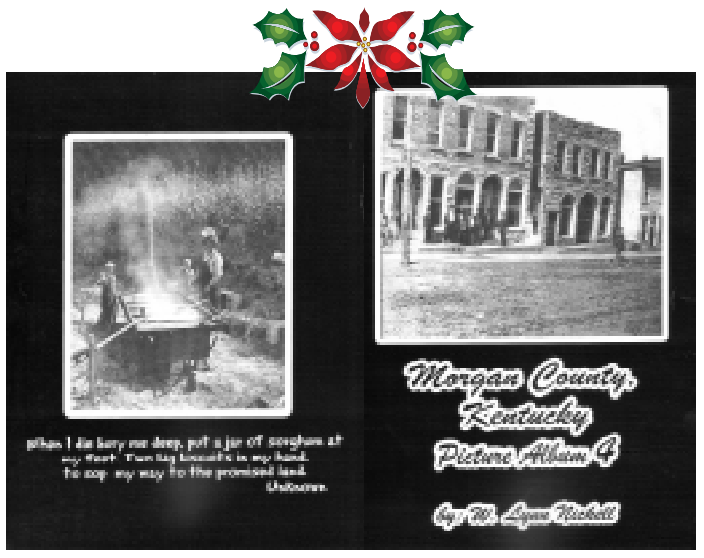
We give this time to our employees so they can enjoy the holiday with their family, but service men are on call for emergencies only and can be reached by calling the office number at 743-3695—When the answering machine picks up, dial #1 and leave your call back number. A technician will contact you within minutes.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Wilma, Robert, and David

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Keatons announce birth of a son



Hudson Mitchell Keaton

Ron and Sabrina Harper Keaton along with big sister, Harper Suzanne, of West Liberty, Ky., are pleased to announce the birth of, Hudson Mitchell.

Hudson was born in Lexington, Ky. at Central Baptist Hospital on October 21, 2009 at 2:38 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Steve and Sheena Owens Harper, of West Liberty.

Paternal grandparents are Ronald E. and Anita Beculhimer Keaton, of West Liberty.

Maternal great grandparents are Doris Risner Owens, of West Liberty, the late Danny Owens, of Homer, Michigan, and the late Harkless Harper, of West Liberty.

Paternal great grandparents are the late Orville and Louise Elam Beculhimer, of Williams Creek, Ky., and the late Mitchell and Manda Wallin Keaton, of Paint Creek, Ky.

Along with his parents, sister, and grandparents, Hudson was welcomed home by his Aunt Stacy Harper, Uncle Nathan and Aunt Andrea Chaney Keaton. He was also welcomed home by his cousins, Emma and Megan Keaton.

We thank God every day for our wonderful blessing. Thanks to Him our children have filled our life with more joy than anyone can ever imagine





Morgan Guardsman commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant

Congratulations to Jeffery M. Johnson, at right in photo at left, upon his promotion to 2nd Lieutenant with the Army National Guard. Johnson, of Mize, completed Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., on September 9. His father, Jeffery Lynn Johnson of Spaws Creek, left, pinned his son with the insignia of his new rank at an Officer Candidate Open House held in Frankfort on Nov. 7. In photo at right, 2 LT Johnson returns his first salute as an officer from his wife, Specialist Rachelle Johnson, following the pinning ceremony. 2 LT Johnson is a member of the 577th Sapper Company headquartered in Prestonsburg. His wife is attached to the 207th Engineers at the National Guard Armory in Jackson.

Rev. Carl Roller is honored with birthday celebration

Old Grassy Christian Church was honored to host Joanna Lewis and her Appalachian Troubadours on Sunday, Dec. 6, for a Country Christmas concert.

The occasion was Rev. Carl Roller's surprise birthday celebration. Lunch and a special cake was served.

Community singers joined us later in the afternoon. A wonderful day was enjoyed by all.

Arts Club invites all for coffee at Cougar Cafe

Please come and join us at 8 p.m. at the Morgan County High School Coffee House on Dec. 17. Admission is free, hosted by the MCHS Arts Club at the MCHS Cougar Café. Please come and enjoy coffee, the art gallery, live music, dancing, poetry reading, and drama skits!

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Monday, Dec. 14--Baked ham, baked beans, cauliflower/cheese, wheat roll, margarine, pineapple chunks, milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 15--Meatloaf, roasted potato and carrots, cooked cabbage, wheat roll, fruit cocktail, milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 16--Beef stew, creamy cole slaw, buttered peas, wheat roll, margarine, ambrosia, milk.

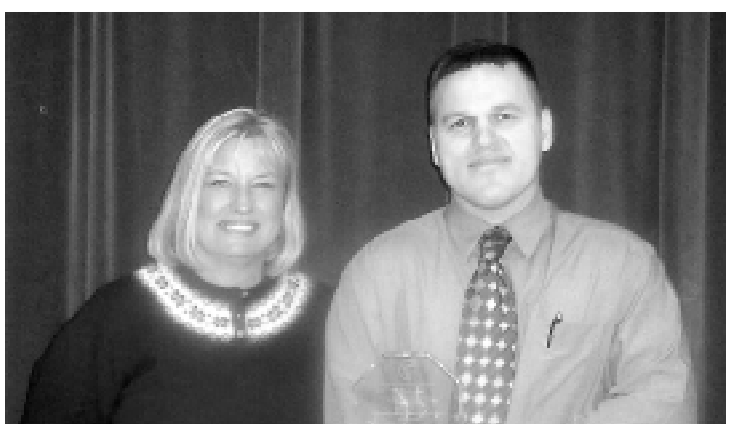
Thursday, Dec. 17--BBQ pork, brussell sprouts, tossed salad, whet bun, apple crisp, raisins, milk.

Friday, Dec. 18--Tomato soup, pimento cheese, wheat bread, crackers, peaches, walnuts, milk.

WORDS OF WISDOM

More than half the difficulties of hte world would be allayed or removed by the exhibition of good temper.

– Arthur Phelps
Writer
1813-1875



21st CCLC Afterschool Program earns award for Excellence

Morgan County 21st CCLC Afterschool Program Director Keith Holbrook and Program Assistant Deborah Brewer, above, recently accepted the Award of Excellence for Morgan County Elementary Schools at the program's Fall Conference in Louisville. This highly regarded honor is awarded to schools for outstanding academic achievement for most improved reading and math scores in the afterschool tutoring program. This year, the honor was awarded to four schools in the state, with one, Morgan County Elementary School, having the overall top ranking. Mr. Holbrook presented to the audience a power-point program of the various academic and enrichment activities offered in the successful afterschool program. "This is a great honor for Morgan County and we are very proud of our afterschool students," Mr. Holbrook stated when he learned of the award. Congratulations to Mr. Holbrook, Mrs. Brewer, and all of the afterschool staff and students!



West Liberty Nursing and Rehab. thanks dietary department

West Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation staff and residents want to say thank you to our dietary department for all their hard work and dedication to our residents. Our residents enjoy the extra time and effort you devote to making special food items for all to enjoy. Our dietary department which is managed by Robin Cassity, works closely with our medical director, nursing staff and registered dietitian to provide residents with healthy well balanced meals while honoring meal preferences. You are appreciated for all you do. Our dietary staff pictured in the photo include; seated from left is Robin Cassity, Dietary Manager and Stacie Wright. Standing from left are Tammy Wright, Sandra Ross, Marcie Dulen, Janet Holbrook, and Tosha Bates. Not pictured:Lola Young.

God's Plan Of Salvation

Jesus Christ was with God the Father before the world was created. He became human and lived among humanity as Jesus of Nazareth. He came to show us what God the Father is like. He lived a sinless life, showing us how to live; and He died upon a cross to pay for our sins. God raised Him from the dead.

Jesus is the source of eternal life. Jesus wants to be the doorway to new life for you. In the Bible, He was called the "Lamb of God" (John 1:29). In the Old Testament, sacrifices were made for the sins of the people. Jesus became the sacrificial lamb offered for your sin.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6) He is waiting for you now.

Admit to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin. (See Acts 3:19; Rom. 3:23 and 6:23.)

By faith receive Jesus Christ as God's Son and accept Jesus's gift of forgiveness from sin. He took the penalty for your sin by dying on the cross. (See John 3:16.)

Confess your faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord. (See Rom. 10:9-10:13; 1 John 1:9.)

You may pray a prayer similar to this as you call on God to save you: "Dear God, I know that You love me. I confess my sin and need of salvation. I turn away from my sin and place my faith in Jesus as my Savior and Lord. In Jesus's name I pray, amen."

After you have received Jesus Christ into your life, tell a pastor or another Christian about your decision. Show others your faith in Christ by asking for baptism by immersion in your local church as a public expression of your faith.

Submitted by
Daniel Hatton

GOD OUR MAKER

Every tree upon the mountainside is numbered, at the gentle breath of God their branches move. When the heart of God is touched, the tears start falling to this earth they fall, through clouds of white and blue. He made the rocks, He made the trees, tell me who but God can do such things as these? He makes the clouds, He makes the rain. He is great and He is worthy of our praise. My God can take a hopeless life that's torn by sin, in exchange He gives sweet peace and joy within. How He does this I could never fully tell. But I know, when God performs He does things well.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

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AREA DEATHS

David Curtis Allen



David Curtis Allen, 44 years, 8 months, and 3 days, of 11803 Rt. 7, West Liberty, Kentucky, passed away December 2, 2009, after a lengthy battle with a rare disease, Behcet's Syndrome, at Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital in West Liberty, Kentucky.

He was born March 29, 1965, at the Dr. Morris L. Peyton Clinic in West Liberty, Kentucky, a son of Ronnie D. Allen and Gerry N. Allen.

David was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, David E. and Beatrice Allen of West Liberty, Ky., and maternal grandparents, Jerome and Nannie Whitt of Elliott County, Ky. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Allen, he is survived by one son, Dakota David Allen; one daughter, Davana Renee Allen; one sister, Kim and Jimmy Ison of West Liberty, Ky.; two special nephews and one great-niece, Nathaniel Grant Ison of West Liberty, Ky., Jeremy, Sherry, and Sophia Ison of Morehead, Ky.; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

David had to retire on disability due to his illness. He was a machinist and tool and die maker at Lexmark Inc., Lexington, Ky. He had a lot of special and caring friends at Lexmark, who have kept checking and coming to see him. David was a loving son and father, there was never a time we questioned whether his love or care for us. His gentleness and wonder-loving nature made him a wonderful person to be around even during his illness.

David gave his heart to the Lord on April 25, 2005, at the Hope Enterprise Church in Elliott County. Although David became unable to attend services he was a very religious person.

His homecoming is leaving a large void in our family, but he has left us a path clearly marked, so we can go be with him in Heaven and seeing Jesus – his ultimate goals have been met. David is through the gates of pearl and down the streets of gold to the throne of God. That's what David's been longing for.

No more pain, no more suffering, no more sorrow — David is Home Now! Praise the Lord!

Funeral service was at 1 p.m., Saturday, December 5, 2009, at the Potter Funeral Home with Bro. Rick Pelfrey officiating. Burial was in the West Liberty Memorial Gardens with Potter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers: Allen Bradley, Doug Bradley, Donnie Bradley, Mark Hoover, Terry Booth, Kenny Richmond, Timmy Yeary.

Honorary Pallbearers: Lexmark Mold Shop Employees, Delbert Lewis, Roy Keeton, Lee Caskey, Harold Justice, Woody Lewis, Harold Whitt, Larry Whitt, Boyd Mason, Mike Davis, Jimmy Ison, Jeremy Ison, and Nathaniel Ison.

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W. H. Rudd



W. H. Rudd of Maytown, Ky., passed away Saturday, December 5, 2009, at Morgan County ARH, at the age of 67 years, 5 months, and 5 days. He was born June 30, 1942, in Maytown, Ky., son of the late Gordon and Emma Belle Manning Rudd.

W. H. was a retired truck driver and a member of the Pine Grove Community Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Karen Frances Rudd. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Perry Rudd; two children, Leshia Harris of Maytown, Ky., and David and Brenda Rudd of Hillsboro, Ky.; two step-sons, Scott Goforth and Bryan and Shawna Goforth, all of Maytown, Ky., and eight grandchildren, Charlie Harris, Derek Rudd, Alex Rudd, Ashtyn Goforth, Amber Goforth, Luke Goforth, Joshua Goforth, and Caleb Goforth.

Funeral service was at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at the Potter Funeral Home with Rev. Garry Stamper and Rev. Aaron Brooks officiating. Burial in McGuire Cemetery, Maytown, Ky., with Potter Funeral Home in charge.

Pallbearers: David Lawson, Freddie Brown, Randy Maloney, Mitchell Smallwood, Charlie Harris, Harlan Fugate, Danny Joe Gevedon, Buster Lewis, and Willard D. Rudd.

Honorary Pallbearers: James Brooks, Carl Maloney, Chad Rudd, Bobby Mayfield, Chris Riggsby, Don Back, and Michael Fox.

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CARD OF THANKS

The family of James Caskey would like to thank everyone who helped in any way during the passing of our loved one. Many thanks for the food, prayers, and cards. We also wish to thank Herald and Stewart and Halsey Funeral Home staff, the ministers, Eugene Haney, Garry Ferguson, and Johnny Dagnan, and all others who helped in any way with the funeral service. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

The family (pd)

Walter Sherrill Belt, Jr.



Walter Sherrill Belt, Jr., of West Liberty, Ky., passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at his residence, at the age of 75 years, 10 months, and 25 days. He was born on Saturday, January 6, 1934, in Caraway, Arkansas.

Walter was a United States Veteran, serving his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Donna M. Kisela Belt; eight children, Brian Belt, Ryan Belt, Erin Belt, Darrin Belt, Tyron Belt, Myron Belt, Vanessa Belt and Vince Belt; seven step-children, Edward Coburn of Illinois, Antionette Gasper of Indiana, Michael Coburn of Indiana, Laura Lawson West Liberty, Ky., William Coburn of Indiana, Donald Coburn of Indiana, and Lindee Alberts of Florida; several grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; one sister; and one brother.

Funeral service was conducted at 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 4, 2009, at the Potter Funeral Home. Entombment in the West Liberty Memorial Gardens, Potter Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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Mary Lou Hatton



Mary Lou Hatton of Sparta, Mich., formerly of Caney, Ky., passed away Wednesday, December 2, 2009, in Sparta, Mich., at the age of 85 years, 6 months, and 16 days. She was born May 17, 1924, in Breathitt County, Ky., daughter of the late Clinton and Lucy Gabbard Salyers.

Mary was united in marriage to Chalmer Hatton August 28, 1943. To this union one child was born.

She was saved and baptized several years ago and was a member of Brushy Fork Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clinton and Lucy Gabbard Salyers, and her husband, Chalmer Hatton.

She is survived by one daughter, Betty Gaye Welch and husband Larry of Sparta, Mich.; two sisters, Fay Cook and Elvira Angel; three grandchildren, Scott Welch and wife Gayle, Robert Welch and wife Becki, and Michele Lightfoot; six great-grandchildren, Jeremey Welch, Justin Welch, Jennifer Blouw, Joshua Welch, Jonathan Welch, and Destinee Lightfoot; six great-great grandchildren, Isabelle, Jordyn, and Hannah Blouw, Brendan and Ryleigh Welch, and Gabriel Welch, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was at 1:00 p.m., Monday, December 7, 2009, at the Potter Funeral Home with Rev. Hobart Dunn officiating. Burial was in Memory Hill Cemetery, Caney, Ky.,. with Potter Funeral Home in charge.

Pallbearers: Eric Hatton, Daniel Hatton, Scott Welch, Robert Welch, Jonathan Welch, and Larry Welch.

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Darrell Haney



Darrell Haney, 75, of Cannel City, died Monday, Nov. 30, 2009, at Kentucky River Medical Center, in Jackson.

He was born December 28, 1933, in Morgan County, Kentucky, a son of the late Raymond Haney and Ruth Phipps Haney.

In addition to his parents, Darrell was preceded in death by two children, Johnny Haney and Wayne Haney; one brother, Jessie Haney; two sisters, Emma Josephine Haney and Carlene Haney Nickell.

He was retired from Licking Valley R.E.C.C. as a lineman foreman.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Ina Ruth Gullett Haney; children, Mike and Brenda Haney, Anthony and Kathy Haney, Brenda and Roger Somaduroff, Allen Haney and Charles Haney, all of Cannel City; Melissa Evans, of Vanceburg; 15 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; three brothers, Ray and Jerrie Haney, of Dayton, Ohio, Ralph and Debbie Haney, and Junior Haney, both of Cannel City; five sisters, Ivory and Joe Siler and Bessy and Paul Erwin, both of Salt Lick, Avalene and Clay Rumsey, of Washington, Carlotta and Mike Jackson, of Mt. Sterling, and Darlene and George Nickell, of Cannel City.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Herald and Stewart and Halsey Chapel, with Bro. James Allen and Bro. Michael Jackson officiating. Burial followed in the Hager Phipps Cemetery, at Cannel City, with Herald and Stewart and Halsey Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Shawn Haney, Mitchell Haney, Nathan Haney, Katlin Haney, Roger Somaduroff, and Freddie Conley.

Send memorial condolences: www.heraldstewarthalseyfh.com

Elmer Conley



Elmer Conley, 77, of Franklin, Ohio, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009, at the Atrium Medical Center.

A native of Morgan County, Kentucky, he was the son of Kelly and Esther (Jones) Conley.

A Korean War veteran, he worked for over 30 years at Appleton Paper Company as a stock prep. operator.

Elmer loved the outdoors as he was an avid hiker with his grandson, and he loved to travel. He was a faithful attendant of Towne Blvd. Church of God, and a devoted believer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothrs, Ernest and Charlie; a sister, Anna Mae Murphy; and a granddaughter, Taylor Couch.

Elmer is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Virginia; a loving daughter, Ruth Bailey; a grandson, Jesse Couch; one brother, Ova Conley; and sisters, Ruth Haney, Eula Burdge, Shirley Morris, and Oma Sollenberger.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at Anderson Funeral Home, in Franklin, Ohio. Burial followed in Springboro Cemetery with Anderson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.anderson-fh.com.

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Truman John Amburgey



Truman John Amburgey of Crossville, Tenn., passed away Monday, November 30, 2009, at the Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn., at the age of 65 years, 7 months, and 27 days. He was born on Monday, April 3, 1944, in Hazard, Ky., a son of the late Truman Amburgey and Mattie Dunigan Amburgey Begley.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jo Ann Nickell Amburgey, on September 14, 1999.

He is survived by four children, Kim Cornett and husband Tim of Clinton, Mich., Tim Amburgey and wife Mary of Chelsea, Mich., Elizabeth Amburgey of Crossville, Tenn., and Gretchen Schneider and husband Glenn of Union, S.C.; three step-children, Reda Jackson of Belleville, Mich., Arthur Burke, and James Burke, both of Michigan; grandchildren, Shane Amburgey of Chelsea, Mich., Nichole Cornett of Clinton, Mich., Travis Amburgey of Chelsea, Mich., Christopher Schneider, Alysa Schneider, and Alaina Schneider, all of Union, S.C., and Kelsey Jackson of Michigan; one great-grandchild, Anna Amburgey of Chelsea, Mich.; two sisters, Doris Carpenter and husband Archie and Gwen Scott, all of Ypsilanti, Mich., and one brother, Jerry Begley and wife Shelly of Dundee, Mich.

Funeral service was at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, December 3, 2009, at the Potter Funeral Home with burial in the Nickell Cemetery, Cannel City, Ky., under the direction of Potter Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Tim Cornett, Chris Dunigan, Shane Amburgey, Travis Amburgey, Jerry Begley, and Denny Begley.

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Teretha K. Perry



Teretha Katrina Perry, 48, of West Liberty, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009, at her residence.

She was born July 19, 1961, in Ashland, Kentucky, a daughter of Bernice Brickey Hutchinson and the late Ernest Wayne Marx.

Teretha accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her saviour, and was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ernest Wayne Marx.

Survivors include her husband, Terry Lynn Perry, of Dixon; her mother, Bernice Brickey Hutchinson, of West Liberty; four daughters, Julie Ratliff, of Booneville, Nedith Denise Sprague, of Salyersville, Sabrenia Mullins, of Campton, and Terra Perry, of West Liberty; four sisters, Connie Lynn Stephens, of Isonville, Jacquline Marx and Cora Grace Hutchinson, both of Sandy Hook, and Velma Renee Campbell, of Morehead; seven brothers, Kyle Ward Hutchinson, of Aberdeen, Ohio, Lloyd Hutchinson, of Maysville, Carl Malcom Hutchinson, of Fairborn, Ohio, Lowell Hutchinson and Thurman Hutchinson, both of Sandy Hook, Rulie Hutchinson, Jr., of Owingsville, and Samuel James Hutchinson, of Crockett; and 5 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Herald and Stewart and Halsey Chapel with Rev. David Cook officiating. Burial followed in the Conley Cemetery, at Crockett, with Herald and Stewart and Halsey Funeral Home, of West Liberty, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Lowell Hutchinson, Rulie Hutchinson, Jr., Jason Mullins, Danny Lee Sprague, Samuel Hutchinson, and Paris McCarty III.

Sarah A. Blanton

Sarah Ashley Blanton, 22, of Oil Springs, died Monday, Nov. 30, 2009, in Morehead.

She was born July 19, 1987, in Boyd County, Kentucky, a daughter of Daryl E. Blanton and Valerie Melinda Lewis Blanton, of Oil Springs.

Sarah was a recent graduate of Morehead State University.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her maternal grandmother, Naomi Lewis, of West Liberty; her paternal grandmother, Patsy Blanton Caudill, and paternal step-grandfather, Hager Caudill, of Oil Springs; one brother, Michael Daryl Blanton (Becky), of Lexington; a special nephew, Rex Blanton; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Jones Preston Funeral Home Chapel, with Keith Stephens officiating. Burial followed in the Lewis Cemetery, at Wrigley, with Jones Preston Funeral Home, of Paintsville, in charge of arrangements.

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Recession drives food-stamp use to record levels

Dec. 2 — The recession means that the once-scorned federal program to help Americans buy food is being used more than ever. Food stamps now help feed one in eight Americans and one in four children, Jason DeParle and Robert Gebeloff of The New York Times report. While the recession has helped fuel the increased food stamp use, a Bush administration decision to make it easier to apply for "nutritional aid" instead of welfare cleared the path for increased use.

More than 36 million Americans now use food stamps, or as the previous administration renamed it, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. In at least 239 counties, a quarter or more of the people get food stamps, many in rural areas but also in cities. In 62 counties, the number of recipients has more than doubled since 2007. While once-prosperous areas where the housing bust has hit are experiencing increased usage, the areas where poverty runs deepest still have the highest rates, the Times reports.

Even with food stamp usage at a record level, experts say there are millions more who could qualify for them. "I think the response of the program has been tremendous," Kevin Concannon, an undersecretary of agriculture, told the reporters, "but we're mindful that there are another 15, 16 million who could benefit." In California food stamps reach only 50 percent of those eligible, while in Missouri 98 percent of the eligible have nutritional aid. (Read more)

States where the percentage of rural residents on food stamps was at least half again as much as the state's urban figure: Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, South Carolina, Virginia and Vermont.

Among the states, Missouri has the highest percentage of rural residents receiving food stamps. More than 22% of those living in rural Missouri are stamp recipients. Missouri is followed by Louisiana (21.8%), Kentucky (21.7%) and Tennessee (21.6%). In Massachusetts, 2.4% of rural residents receive food stamps.

In Eastern Kentucky, the number of food stamp recipients was approaching 50 percent in June—In Owsley County, Kentucky, 49 percent of the population were receiving the stamps.

Kettle ...

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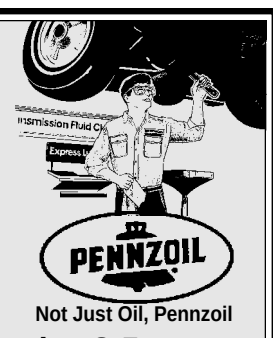
with gas money, etc. to travel outside of Morgan County for treatment, when you already have many other expenses. We want to let people know that help is available, even to those who may not always ask for assistance."

The kettle drive will continue through 12-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12, and Friday-Saturday, Dec. 18-19, with bell ringers in front of both IGA grocery and Subway entrances, as well as Save-A-Lot.

"People who give are the most blessed people in the world," Lindon said. "Not because they have more to give, but because they receive great blessings in return. We welcome all donations and volunteers, because need knows no season. When we make a habit of giving, every day becomes Christmas."

For more information about the Salvation Army or kettle drive volunteering, contact Treasurer Barry Evans at 743-3243, or Grace Baptist Church Pastor Mike Lindon at 743-7202.

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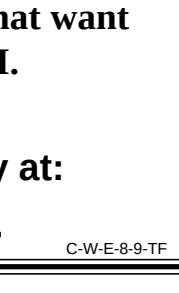
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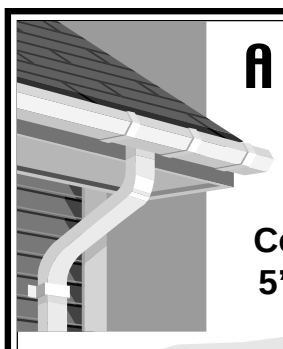
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Free Smoking Cessation classes being offered

FREE Smoking Cessation classes starting Thursday, May 7, at 4:30 p.m., at the Morgan County ARH Hospital in the Administrative Conference Room on the second floor. Classes will continue every Thursday for 12 consecutive weeks.

C-5-7-tf

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every Sunday

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held in West Liberty every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the County Office Building, Fiscal Court Room. For additional information call 743-1210.

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Holiday Spectatular Baby Pageant Dec. 12

Kentucky's Crowning Star Pageants presents "A Holiday Spectacular" Pageant at MSU at West Liberty Saturday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m. Deadline to enter is Dec. 1. Please call Allison Benton Holbrook at 606-743-4484 anytime or Melissa Conley Hoskins at 606-743-7475 evenings. Kentucky's Crowning Star Pageants is a professional, honest, fair, and reputable pageant and strives to provide excellent crowns, gifts, toys, and savings bonds. A professional photographer will be present for the pageant.

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Special singers to be at Walnut Grove Com. Ch.

Two For One, from Jackson, and Trio of Grace will be singing at Walnut Grove Community Church during the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Dec. 13. Pastors Scott Litton and Eddie keeton invite everyone to attend.

C-12-3-2t

Great holiday gift idea

Be a blood donor, give the gift of life. On Thursday, Dec. 10, from 12 noon until 7:30 p.m., the Kentucky Blood Center, hosted by the West Liberty Kiwanis Club, will conduct a blood drawing at the Community Center. As usual, the West Liberty Homemakers will provide delicious refreshments. Give a priceless gift this holiday season!

C-11-26-3t

M.C. Senior Christmas Pgm. in need of donations

The Morgan County Senior Christmas Program is to help those that are often forgotten during this time of year. Paper doves are on the Christmas tree at Commercial Bank, Bank Of The Mountains, and Peyton's Pharmacy. If you would like to help, please take a dove, purchase a gift, and return the gift by Wednesday, Dec. 16. To make a donation to help fund the Morgan County Senior Christmas Program call Brittany Keeton at 743-2931 or 522-8158, or Jeanette Keeton at 743-1915. Thanks in advance for your help and may God bless you this holiday season!

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Blue Mountain Grass to be at Elmo's Music Barn

Mike Havens and Blue Mountain Grass will be performing at Elmo's Music Barn, on Hwy. 203 between Mize and Hazel Green, on Saturday, Dec. 12. Elmo's is located in the former Haney's Auction building. Mike Havens, Debi Horton, Mike Wilson, Keith Prater, and Chris Peyton look forward to seeing all their friends there.

Benefit gospel singing at Redbush Baptist Dec. 12

Redbush Enterprise Baptist Church will have a gospel singing for building fund for the church. Proceeds will go toward a new roof for the church. The event will take place Saturday, Dec. 12, beginning at 6 p.m. Singers will include the Tones of Faith, Steppin' Out On Faith, Blessed (from Elliott County), and the Redbush singers. Food will be served after the singing. Bro Wendell Ison will be preaching during the Sunday, Dec. 13, worship service beginning at 11 a.m. Everyone welcome.

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Photo Club meeting set for Monday, Dec. 14th

The December Photo Club meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at the home of Barbara Stacy. Her address is 1042 Dogwood Lane, West Liberty. (Go to Dogwood Lane around the airport to the first blacktop drive with a gazebo in the front yard, or call 743-4876 for more specific directions.) Bring your camera so we can practice portrait photos. Each member is asked to bring at least five photos of an animal, either domestic or exotic, to share with others. If you have questions, please call Sheila at 725-4276 after 6 p.m., or Barbara at 743-4876 at any time.

Learn to tie holiday bows Thursday, Dec. 10

If you've ever envied those big, stunning holiday bows and wanted to learn how to make them, then here's your chance. For only $7 learn to tie beautiful bows for your holiday home or gift decorating. This cost allows you to make two large bows to take home and enjoy this season. Bow tying will be taught Thursday, Dec. 10, at Morgan County High School Art Department, from 5:30 to 6:30, by instructor, Janell Potter. Registration space is limited and on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Keith Holbrook at 743-8082, or e-mail keith.holbrook@morgan.kyschools.us to register by Dec. 8. The event is sponsored by Morgan County Community Education.

Christmas play Dec. 12 at Sandfield Church

The Sandfield Community Church congregation will present a Christmas play entitled "And It Came To Pass" on Saturday, Dec. 12, beginning at 7 p.m. The pastor, Bro. Mike Brooks, and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Beau Lambert to be at Jenny's Music Barn

Beau Lambrt and Out Of The Blue will be at Jenny's Music Barn, at Farmers, on Friday, Dec. 11, beginning at 8 p.m. For additional information phone (606) 784-9938.

Special services at Bethany Baptist Church

Quentin Murphy will be singing in the morning service at Bethany Enterprise Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 13, at 10:30 a.m. there will be a baptismal service immediately following the worship service. Pastor Rick Pelfrey and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Notice

The Christmas light display on Brushy Fork will not be lit this year. We appreciate all who came in the past to view our display.

--Peggy Oney
C-12-10-3t

Donate a toy and enjoy a free Zumba class

If you have wanted to try Zumba or if you're already loving it, then Morgan Central Elementary is where you will want to be on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 3:00 until 4:30 p.m. The only cost of this class is a donated new toy to help with the Student Santa effort in Morgan County. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend a Zumba class but would like to participate in one, or maybe you're a regular or just when you can make it attendee, this is a perfect opportunity to check it out plus make our toy drive a successful one. Come to Morgan Central Elementary for a fun filled afternoon of exercise and giving. This class is sponsored by your local Morgan County Community Education.

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Tribute to Ralph Smith set Dec. 12 at Salt Lick

A tribute to the late Ralph "Hank" Smith, who died suddenly last week has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12, at Debbie's Music Show House, on Hwy. 60, just west of Salt Lick. Sammy Adkins and the Sandy Hook Mountain Boys will be performing at 8 p.m. Ralph "Hank" Smith, a former band member of Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys, was scheduled to perform there this Saturday evening. Come out and join in this tribute to one of bluegrass music's best.

Malaga Com. Church Christmas Play slated

Malaga Community Church will be having a comedy Christmas play titled "A Cricket County Christmas Cruise" on Saturday, the 19th, and Sunday, the 20th, starting at 6 p.m. For a break in the rush of Christmas and an hour of laughs, you won't want to miss this. Come early for a good seat. For information to the church call 743-4736. Pastor Karl Elam and congregation invite you to sail the Seven Seas with our cast of characters.

C-12-10-2t

Worship services at Lacy Creek Baptist Dec. 13th

There will be worship services at Lacy Creek Baptist Church on Sunday, Dec. 13, beginning at 11 a.m. The pastor, Bro. Tim Jenkins, and congregation welcome everyone to attend.

M.C.M.S. Youth Service advisory council meet.

Morgan County Middle School Youth Service Center advisory council meeting will be Friday, Dec. 11, at 12:30 p.m., in the Youth Service Center. Everyone welcome.

Annual Cantata at the United Methodist Ch.

The annual cantata at the West Liberty United Methodist Church will be performed on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 3 p.m. You are invited to the performance of the Comfort and Joy cantata by Lloyd Larson at the "white church on the corner" of Main and Prestonsburg Streets and to stay for a reception in the adjoining home of the Reverend and Mrs. Jett following the cantata.

You're invited to MCHS Coffee House Dec. 17th

Please come and join us at the Morgan County High School Coffee House hosted by the MCHS Arts Club. MCHS Cougar Cafe' on Thursday, Dec. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free. Please come and enjoy coffee, the art gallery, live music, dancing, poetry reading, and drama skits!

C-12-10-2t

Junction News

By Kathy Bolin

Dec. 7--Greetings from the Junction.

On Dec. 13, my husband, Davy, will be celebrating his birthday, 55 years young. Happy birthday, Davy.

Brenda Jenkins, of Coffee Creek, will be retiring from her bus driver job on Dec. 18, after 29 1/2 years of service. We will be taking her out to dinner at the Golden Corral. Brenda will be sadly missed by all of us at the bus garage.

Couple of recent marriages in our area. Bethany Ball and Jeffrey Flinchum were married November 18 at Straight Creek Enterprise Church.

Saturday, Dec. 5, Nova Noble and Doug Cantrell were married at Williams Creek Elkfork Church. Nova is the daughter of Ricky and Juanita Noble, and Doug is the son of Shawn and Johnda Cantrell. Congratulations to both couples.

Armstrong Smith is recuperating from open heart surgery at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland. Strong is in the ICU unit.

Russell Wright had lung surgery last week in Lexington. Not sure which hospital he is in.

And they moved Grace Burchett from Morehead on Tuesday to Lexington hospital, where she, too, is in ICU.

I'm sure a whispered prayer would be appreciated for these people.

On Wednesday, Ethel, Davy, Kathy, and Diane Cantrell drove to Waynesville, Ohio to attend the funeral of Catherine Bolin. Catherine is the wife of Raleigh Bolin, the only living brother of Chester and Oatie Bolin.

Jan. 9, there will be a benefit for Rachael Williams at the Community Center at 12:00. I'll remind you again later.

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Caney Valley

By Tracey Barker Hatton

Hello again from Caney Valley! We had the first bit of snow on Dec. 5, to start off the winter season. It was a beautiful sight. I enjoy the changing seasons, and I pray everyone will stay warm and safe during this winter season.

Mrs. Mary Lou Hatton passed away on Dec. 2, at her daughter and son-in-law's residence (Betty and Larry Welch) in Michigan. She was a long-time resident of Caney and a window of the late Chalmer Hatton. Her visitation was held on Sunday evening at Potter Funeral Home, and the funeral was on Monday, Dec. 7. Services were officiated by Bro. Hobert Dunn.

Mary Lou is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Larry Welch; two sisters, Fay cook and Elvira Angel; three grandchildren, Scott and Gayle Welch, Robert and Becki Welch, and Michele Lightfoot; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Elmer Hatton and wife Eunice.

Betty and Larry and their families took care of Mary for the last four years of her life, a nd may their lives be blessed by caring for their loved one. I pray that God will heal and comfort your hearts during this time of loss.

Morgan County celebrated the opening of the Christmas season this past weekend. Many of our school age children and adults braved the elements to enjoy riding in the parade and sharing their Christmas spirit with friends and neighbors. Many local businesses had open houses to show their Christmas wares for sale and for buyers to partake in homemade treats.

I also enjoyed the first performance of the Morgan Players in the production of *An Honest Politician* by playwrights Jackie and Bernard Hill. Our own Gene Cravens and other Morgan Countians were in the cast. I am so proud of our community wanting to keep the arts by doing a community theatre.

If anyone is interested in being in community theatre, please see any cast member from the Morgan Players. They all did a tremendous job. The show was very entertaining.

Today (Dec. 10) is the last blood drive for 2009. At this season, may you give the best gift that you have to offer – yourself. By giving blood, you maybe saving another life, and could even be saving your own. Please open your heart and give the gift of life today. The blood drive is located at the Community Center in the basement.

Please remember Jim and Sharon Sparks in your prayers. Jim has not felt well, and Sharon broke her hip on Sunday and required surgery on Monday morning.

Other prayer requests include Girlden Lindon, Ricky Davis, Patty and Cecil Griffin, Eunice and Elmer Hatton, Darrell Haney's family, Ralph Benton, Mary Lou Hatton's family and our community. Also remember those who have lost loved ones through this past year and pray that God will give them strength during this Christmas season.

We are also saddened by the death of Darrell Haney. He was a long time resident of Cannel City and leaves behind his wife, Patsy Ruth, and children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and neighbors. I pray that each person will take time to remember this family during this time and pray for God's comfort and blessings to embrace their hearts.

There will be a benefit for Ralph Benton 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Assembly of Faith Church on Hwy. 519. He has been diagnosed with cancer. He is the son of Bradieth Benton and the late Dalmas Benton. Be much in prayer or Ralph and his family.

Centerville Church finished their revival last week. Bro. Ron Oplinger was the evangelist and Bro. Billy Conn finished on Saturday night. Unfortunately, we did not get to go to all the services. I have heard them both preach and they are truly blessed by God. We are truly blessed by the pastors that we sit under to hear the word of God. Thank you, Bro. Harry and Bro. Hobert for preaching the word.

When Bro. Harry was preaching Sunday morning, he referred to the Scripture in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, where Paul writes, "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving thanks be made for all men. For kings and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all goodness and honesty." (KJV)

We need to pray for our leaders from local government to national government and ask God to be merciful unto them and turn their hearts to Him. We as Christians need to take a stand and be fervent in our prayers.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor in Hawaii was bombed. The day after, President Franklin Roosevelt address Congress and made the statement, "This is a date which will live in infamy." At 4 p.m. on Dec. 8, 1941, after President Roosevelt met with Congress and the vote to declare ware was signed, the United States entered into World War II. As you look around this season and see each day of freedom that you have, thank a veteran for contributing to your liberties that you enjoy.

I also want to share with you a scripture during this joyous season. We learn in Luke chapter 1 that Mary went and visited her cousin, Elisabeth. Elisabeth was six months pregnant with the child that would be called John, referred to as John the Baptist. Mary was a virgin, and she had been informed that she would carry the Son of God.

In verses 41-42 (KJV), "And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost.

"And she spake out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

John the Baptist, the son of Elisabeth and Zacharias, became the forerunner for Jesus Christ.

He proclaimed in Matthew 3:11 (KJV), "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

We as Christians, need to be witnesses for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. As John the Baptist was a forerunner for Christ, we need to be a witness runner. We need to share with others the good news of how Jesus saved our souls, how he changed our lives by us just asking for forgiveness of our sins and repenting of our old ways and allowing Jesus to live in our hearts and guide our footsteps.

Let us keep the cross in front of us and the sword of the spirit (the Holy Bible) in our hands, head and heart. May God bless and keep you.



Blue Mountain Grass to be at Elmo's Music Barn

Mike Havens and Blue Mountain Grass will be performing at Elmo's Music Barn, on Hwy. 203 between Mize and Hazel Green, on Saturday, Dec. 12, beginning at 7 p.m.. Elmo's is located in the former Haney's Auction building. If you've never heard this up beat bluegrass group, this is your chance to come out and enjoy an evening of great music close to home. Mike Havens, along with band members, Debi Horton, Mike Wilson, Keith Prater, and Chris Peyton, look forward to seeing their friends. See you there.

(pd)

Lenox

By Estelle Caskey

Dec. 7 – To all those who have lost loved ones, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Mrs. Bernice Johnson and daughter, Mrs. Patty Shoop, of Dayton, Ohio, spent last week in West Liberty with family members and friends, and along with Mrs. Julia Johnson and other family members, attended the funeral of their sister, Martha Wolfenbarger, in Fleming County.

Reportedly, Mrs. Mavis Stevens is feeling much better this fall, but her husband, Jr., is feeling a little under the weather because of an arthritic condition.

Mrs. Julia Johnson visited several days last week with Mrs. Bernice Johnson and Mrs. Patty Shoop during their stay here. Mrs. Josephine O'Neal was among their visitors on Friday afternoon.

We send our heartiest get well wishes to Vanessa Johnson, who remains a patient at ARH, and to Donna Payne, who is recovering from a recent hip fracture.

Mrs. Mazie Cassity has returned home after spending several days in ARH.

Mrs. Alice Smith reports that she is slowly recovering from sinus problems.

Mrs. Rose Ison was a visitor last Wednesday evening of Mrs. Julia Johnson.

Mrs. Patty Shoop visited Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Josephine O'Neal.

Farrol and Dennis Johnson were Saturday visitors of their mother, Mrs. Julia Johnson.

Mrs. Josephine O'Neal was shopping in Morehead last Sunday.

Household Hints

• Wrapping the outside water tank will help to save on the energy bill. If it is warm or hot to the touch, wrapping is needed to prevent heat loss.

• Never worry about roasting a chicken that gets to dry. Place a whole apple inside the chicken and roast as usual.

• Reportedly, studies have shown that music affects behavior. The music you listen to can make you work fast or slower. By adding the right music to your daily activities, you can invent the right soundtrack for your life.

• The selection of music that complements your daily experiences creates a better rhythm for your day, whether performing cooking or cleaning chores, exercise or eating.

• Try listening to relaxing music as you cook dinner for your family and spend time with your children. You may be able to set a slower pace and find a relaxing moment where you did not know there was one.

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FRIDAY EVENING — December 11

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
NBC 3	News	NBC	Fortune	Jeo-	Law & Order		Dateline NBC		Jay Leno Show		News	Tonight
CBS 4	News	CBS	Fortune	Jeo-	Virginia	Big	Medium		NUMB3RS		News	Late Sh.
ABC 6	News	ABC	Ent.	Office	Supernanny		Ugly Betty		20/20		News	Night-
PBS 7	BBC	Busi-	PBS NewsHour		Com-	Group	Wash	NOW	Bill Moyers		BBC	Ky Life
NBC 8	News	NBC	Inside	Holly-	Law & Order		Dateline NBC		Jay Leno Show		News	Tonight
WGN 9	Becker	Becker	Funny Videos		★★★½ Fargo (1996)				WGN News		Scrubs	Scrubs
FOX 11	Deal No	Deal No	Two	Two	Dollhouse				News		Simp-	Fam
CBS 12	News	CBS	High School Basketball				High School Basketball				News	Sports
TBS 13	Seinfeld	Office	Name	Name	★★★ Blades of Glory (2007)				★★★ Blades of Glory (2007)			
ENC 14	★★★ Romancing the Stone (1984)				★★★ Scarface (1983)						Walk Hard	
FAM 15	Fresh Pr	Fresh Pr	Without Santa		★★ The Santa Clause 2 (2002)				Unaccompanied Minors			
LIFE 16	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		A Christmas Proposal (2008)				Will	Will
A&E 17	The First 48		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami	
SHOW 19	American Aff		Inside the NFL		Nurse	Weeds	Californ	Californ	Dexter		Inside the NFL	
DISN 20	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Wizards of Waverly Place			Phineas and Ferb		Raven
MAX 21	★★★ Ghost Town (2008)				★★★ The Thing (1982)				★★½ Yes Man (2008)			Life Top
HBO 22	★★ 8 Seconds (1994)				★★½ Eagle Eye (2008)				The Strangers			Lopez
AMC 24	★★½ Jumanji (1995) Cont'd				★★½ Prancer (1989)				★★½ Santa Claus (1985)			Young
USA 25	NCIS	NCIS		NCIS	I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry						House	
DSC 26	Cash	Cash	Extreme Bodies		Monsters, Me		Monsters, Me		Monsters, Me		Monsters, Me	
ESPN 27	SportsCenter			NBA	NBA Basketball: Trail Blazers at Cavaliers					NBA Basketball		
TNT 32	Law & Order		Bones		Bones		★★½ Con Air (1997)				Lethal Weapon 4	
SYFY 33	Men in Black II		Sanctuary		Sanctuary		Sanctuary		Sanctuary		Stargate Universe	

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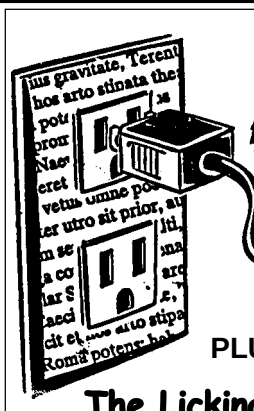


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SATURDAY EVENING — December 12

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
NBC 3	News	NBC	Fortune	Cash	★★★★ It's a Wonderful Life (1946)						News	Sat'day
CBS 4	News	CBS	Fortune	Jeo-	Rudolph, Reindeer		Christmas		48 Hours		Paid	Paid
ABC 6	ABC	News	TimeLife	Office	★★★ The Polar Express (2004)				Castle		News	WWE
PBS 7	Lawrence Welk		Louis-	Red	Ky Life	Ken-	★★★½ Scrooge (1970)				Austin City Limits	
NBC 8	News	NBC	Storms	Paid	★★★★ It's a Wonderful Life (1946)						News	Sat'day
WGN 9	Bones		Bones		★★½ Star Trek Generations (1994)					Star Trek Gen.		Star-
FOX 11	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Two	Two	Cops	Cops	Most Wanted		News		Wanda Sykes	
CBS 12	News	CBS	Paid	King	Rudolph, Reindeer		Christmas		48 Hours		News	Paid
TBS 13	★ Mr. Deeds (2002)				★★★ Blades of Glory (2007)				Talladega Nights: Ricky Bobby			
ENC 14	National Lampoon's Animal House				★★★ Mrs. Doubtfire (1993)				★★★ My Cousin Vinny (1992)			
FAM 15	★★ The Santa Clause 2 (2002)				Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause				Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause			
LIFE 16	Comfort and Joy		★ Holiday Affair (1996)				Holiday Switch (2007)				Holiday Switch	
A&E 17	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami	
SHOW 19	The Kite Runner		Inside the NFL		Dexter		Boxing: Timothy Bradley vs. Lamont Peterson				Day	
DISN 20	Jonas	Jonas	★★★ The Polar Express (2004)				Eloise at Christmastime		Mon-		Wizards	Raven
MAX 21	Congo	★★ Get Smart (2008)			What Happens in Vegas				★★½ Inkheart (2009)			
HBO 22	Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Concert				★★½ Body of Lies (2008)				Boxing			
AMC 24	★★ Last of the Dogmen (1995)				★★★ Jeremiah Johnson (1972)					★★★ Rio Bravo (1959)		
USA 25	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
DSC 26	Giant Squid		Ratzilla		Pig Bomb		I Was Bitten		Nature's Deadliest		Pig Bomb	
ESPN 27	College Football		SportsCenter		Heisman		30 for 30				SportsCenter	
TNT 32	★★½ Con Air (1997) Cont'd				The Bourne Supremacy				★★★ War of the Worlds (2005)			
SYFY 33	Ba'al: Storm		Ice Twisters (2009)				Annihilation Earth (2009)				Disaster Zone	

TUESDAY EVENING — December 15

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
NBC 3	News	NBC	Wheel	J'pardy!	The Sing-Off				Jay Leno Show		News	Tonight
CBS 4	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	NCIS		NCIS: LA		The Good Wife		News	Late Sh.
ABC 6	News	ABC	Ent.	Office	Charlie Brown		Scrubs	Better	the forgotten		News	Night-
PBS 7	BBC	Busi-	PBS NewsHour		Nova		Secrets-Dead		Globe Trekker		BBC	Ky Life
NBC 8	News	NBC	Inside	Access	The Sing-Off				Jay Leno Show		News	Tonight
WGN 9	Becker	Becker	Home Videos		NBA Basketball: Lakers at Bulls					News	Scrubs	Scrubs
FOX 11	Deal No	Deal No	Two	Two	So You Think		Ramsay: Cook		News		Simp-	Fam
CBS 12	News	CBS	Law	King	Kentucky-Chorus		NCIS: LA		The Good Wife		News	Late Sh.
TBS 13	Seinfeld	Office	Name	Name	Office	Office	Office	Office	Commercials		Lopez Tonight	
ENC 14	★★ Last Action Hero (1993) Cont'd				Sixteen Candles			★★½ Untraceable (2008)				Haunte-
FAM 15	Home Videos		Rudolph-Toys		Home Alone 2: Lost in New York						The 700 Club	
LIFE 16	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		The Family Holiday (2007)				Will	Will
A&E 17	The First 48		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Psychic Kids		Paranormal State		Para-	Para-
SHOW 19	★★★ Evita (1996)				An American Affair				Dexter		Californ	Californ
DISN 20	Phineas	Suite	Wizards	Mon-	Return to Never Land			Phineas	Phineas	Mon-	Wizards	Raven
MAX 21	Final	★★ Ski School (1991)			★★★ Spider-Man (2002)				★½ The Glass House (2001)			
HBO 22	Dark Is Rising		Joe Buck Live		★★½ Body of Lies (2008)				First		Robin Williams: Weapons	
AMC 24	★★★ Ocean's Twelve (2004)				★★★½ The Green Mile (1999)							
USA 25	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		★★★ Elf (2003)				Law & Order: SVU	
DSC 26	Cash	Cash	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Ghost Lab		Dirty Jobs	
ESPN 27	SportsCenter			NFL	NBA Coast-to-Coast				Homecoming		SportsCenter	
TNT 32	Law & Order		Bones		Bones		Law & Order		Law & Order		CSI: NY	
SYFY 33	★★★ Casino Royale (2006) Cont'd				Scare	Scare	Astron-	Astron-	ECW		Astron-	Astron-



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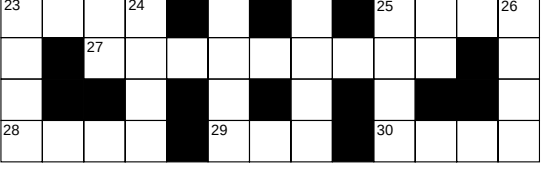
SUNDAY EVENING — December 13

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
NBC 3	News	NBC	Football Night		NFL Football: Philadelphia Eagles at New York Giants							News
CBS 4	NFL Football		60 Minutes		The Mentalist		Cold Case		Criminal Minds		News	Cour-
ABC 6	ABC	News	Funny Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home Edition				Oprah Special		News	Results
PBS 7	Work-	Garden	Vicar	Summer	Time-	Wait	Peter and Paul		Peter and Paul		America	Book-
NBC 8	News	NBC	Football Night		NFL Football: Philadelphia Eagles at New York Giants							News
WGN 9	Becker	Becker	Cosby	Cosby	Newhart	Newhart	Bar-	Bar-	News	Replay	Cheers	Cheers
FOX 11	River Parade		Brothers	Brothers	Simp-	Cleve	Family	Amer.	News		Journal	Motor
CBS 12	NFL Football		60 Minutes		The Mentalist		Cold Case		Criminal Minds		News	Calipari
TBS 13	Talladega Nights: Ricky Bobby				★★★ Madagascar (2005)				★★★ Madagascar (2005)			AceV-
ENC 14	★★½ The Goonies (1985)				The Breakfast Club				★★½ 21 (2008)			
FAM 15	Santa Baby (2006)				Santa Baby 2: Christmas Maybe				Santa Baby 2: Christmas Maybe			
LIFE 16	Will You Merry		An Accidental Christmas (2007)				A Very Merry Daughter of the Bride				Very Merry	
A&E 17	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Jackson Family		Jackson Family		Jackson Family	
SHOW 19	★★★ Rescue Dawn (2006) Cont'd				Dexter		Dexter		Californ	Californ	Dexter	
DISN 20	Mon-	Mon-	Mon-	Mon-	Sonny	Jonas	Full-Court Miracle			Phineas	Wizards	Mon-
MAX 21	Clear and Present Danger				★★½ Inkheart (2009)				★★ Death Race (2008)			
HBO 22	Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Concert				★★★½ Slumdog Millionaire (2008)				★★★★ The Dark Knight (2008)			
AMC 24	★★★ Jeremiah Johnson (1972)				★★★ White Christmas (1954)					★★★½ Holiday Inn (1942)		
USA 25	The Pacifier		★½ License to Wed (2007)				★★★ Elf (2003)				License to Wed	
DSC 26	Clash of Dino.		Clash of Dino.		Clash of Dino.		Clash of Dino.		Prehistoric		Clash of Dino.	
ESPN 27	Billiards: WPBA		SportsCenter		Bowl Mania Special						SportsCenter	
TNT 32	★★★ War of the Worlds (2005)				★★★ Independence Day (1996)					Independence Day		
SYFY 33	Alice (2009) Cont'd						★★★ The Bourne Identity (2002)					Dun-

WEDNESDAY EVENING — December 16

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
NBC 3	News	NBC	Wheel	J'pardy!	The Sing-Off				Jay Leno Show		News	Tonight
CBS 4	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	Chris-	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY		News	Late Sh.
ABC 6	News	ABC	Ent.	Office	Landing	Middle	Family	Cougar	Eastwick		News	Night-
PBS 7	BBC	Busi-	PBS NewsHour		Jubilee		Great Performances at the Met					BBC
NBC 8	News	NBC	Inside	Access	The Sing-Off				Jay Leno Show		News	Tonight
WGN 9	Becker	Becker	Home Videos		★★½ Night Shift (1982)				WGN News		Scrubs	Scrubs
FOX 11	Deal No	Deal No	Two	Two	So You Think You Can Dance				News		Simp-	Fam
CBS 12	News	CBS	Round Ball		Chris-	Gary	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY		News	Late Sh.
TBS 13	Seinfeld	Office	Name	Name	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Browns	Browns	Lopez Tonight	
ENC 14	Mad	Revenge of the Nerds II			National Lampoon's Animal House				Nutty Prof. 2			Show-
FAM 15	Pinocchio's Xmas		Mickey	Pooh	★★★ Happy Feet (2006)					Frosty's	The 700 Club	
LIFE 16	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Christmas Child (2003)				Will	Will
A&E 17	The First 48		Criminal Minds		Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Seagal	Seagal	Seagal	Seagal
SHOW 19	★★½ Crashing (2007)		Schmeckler's Cool Ideas				Inside the NFL		Dexter		Inside the NFL	
DISN 20	Phineas	Suite	Wizards	Mon-	★★½ Tinker Bell (2008)			Phineas	Phineas	Mon-	Wizards	Raven
MAX 21	★★★ The Fifth Element (1997)				★★½ Inkheart (2009)				★★ Analyze That (2002)			Lingerie
HBO 22	A.I.: Artificial Intelligence				★★ Taken (2009)			★½ 10,000 B.C. (2008)				Real
AMC 24	★★★½ The Green Mile (1999)				★★★ First Blood (1982)				Rambo: First Blood Part II			
USA 25	NCIS	NCIS			NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Pirates-Worlds	
DSC 26	MythBusters	MythBusters			MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters	
ESPN 27	SportsCenter		NBA		NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Thunder					NBA Basketball		
TNT 32	Law Order: CI	Bones			Bones		Forensic	Forensic	★½ Surviving Christmas (2004)			
SYFY 33	Stargate SG-1	Ghost Hunters			Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters	

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17. Electronic detector
18. Money bag
19. Monastery
20. Turn suddenly
23. Mislaid
25. Disparage
27. Separate
28. Strong desire
29. Up tp present time
30. Sullen

CLUES DOWN

1. Repair
2. Lantern
3. Strainer
4. Dig
5. Speech impediment
6. Heap
7. Cause to feel uncomfortable
8. Exaggeration
11. Scatter
12. Force apart
13. Pastoral
14. Chart
16. Coy
21. Hasten
22. A grass fungus
23. Deep affection
24. Subject of sermon
25. Male deer
26. Space

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MONDAY EVENING — December 14

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
NBC 3	News	NBC	Wheel	J'pardy!	The Sing-Off				Jay Leno Show		News	Tonight
CBS 4	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	Mother	Purpose	Two	Theory	CSI: Miami		News	Late Sh.
ABC 6	News	ABC	Ent.	Office	Hudson-Home		Find My Family		Castle		News	Night-
PBS 7	BBC	Busi-	PBS NewsHour		Kentucky Tonight		Anatomy-Pand		Frontline		BBC	Ky Life
NBC 8	News	NBC	Inside	Access	The Sing-Off				Jay Leno Show		News	Tonight
WGN 9	Becker	Becker	Funny Videos		Secret of Giving (1999)				WGN News		Scrubs	Scrubs
FOX 11	Deal No	Deal No	Two	Two	House		Lie to Me		News		Simp-	Fam
CBS 12	News	CBS	Issues	King	Mother	Purpose	Two	Theory	CSI: Miami		News	Late Sh.
TBS 13	Seinfeld	Office	Name	Name	Fam	Fam	Fam	Fam	Fam	Fam	Lopez Tonight	
ENC 14	Break-	★★½ Fletch (1985)			★★★ Hot Shots! (1991)				Hot Shots! Part Deux		The Blues Bros.	
FAM 15	Eloise-C'mas.		Winnie	Pooh	★★★★ Mary Poppins (1964)						The 700 Club	
LIFE 16	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Special Delivery (2008)				Will	Will
A&E 17	The First 48		Criminal Minds		Intervention		Intervention		Hoarders		Jackson Family	
SHOW 19	★★½ Music Within (2007)		King of California				Dexter		Californ	Californ	Dexter	
DISN 20	Phineas	Suite	Wizards	Mon-	Ultimate Cmas Present			Phineas	Phineas	Mon-	Wizards	Raven
MAX 21	Missed	★★★ Patriot Games (1992)				Madagascar 2			★★½ Inkheart (2009)			
HBO 22	★★★ Big (1988)			Avatar	Mummy: Dragon Emp.				Every F...ing		Boxing	
AMC 24	★★½ Ghostbusters II (1989)				National Lamp. Christmas				★★½ Santa Claus (1985)			
USA 25	NCIS	NCIS			WWE Monday Night Raw						★★★ Elf (2003)	
DSC 26	River Monsters	River Monsters			River Monsters		River Monsters				River Monsters	
ESPN 27	SportsCenter		Monday Night Countdown		NFL Football: Arizona Cardinals at San Francisco 49ers							Sports-
TNT 32	Law & Order		Bones		Bones		The Closer		Certain Age		Law & Order	
SYFY 33	★★★ The Bourne Identity (2002)				★★★ Casino Royale (2006)						Monster	Monster

THURSDAY EVENING — December 17

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
NBC 3	News	NBC	Wheel	J'pardy!	SNL Presents: A Very Gilly Christmas				Jay Leno Show		News	Tonight
CBS 4	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	Survivor: Samoa		CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		News	Late Sh.
ABC 6	News	ABC	Ent.	Office	FlashForward		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		News	Night-
PBS 7	BBC	Busi-	PBS NewsHour		Antiques Rdsho		Christmas With		Michael McDonald		BBC	Ky Life
NBC 8	News	NBC	Inside	Access	SNL Presents: A Very Gilly Christmas				Jay Leno Show		News	Tonight
WGN 9	Becker	Becker	Home Videos		WWE Superstars		Home Videos		WGN News		Scrubs	Scrubs
FOX 11	Deal No	Deal No	Two	Two	Bones		Fringe		News		Simp-	Fam
CBS 12	News	CBS	Ken-	Sports	Survivor: Samoa		CSI: Crime Scene		The Mentalist		News	Late Sh.
TBS 13	Seinfeld	Office	Name	Name	★★ Failure to Launch (2006)				Fam	Fam	Lopez Tonight	
ENC 14	★★★½ Back to the Future (1985)				★★ Broken Arrow (1996)				Walk Hard: Dewey Cox			Usual
FAM 15	First	Nestor	Jack Frost		★★ Jack Frost (1998)				★★ Jingle All the Way (1996)			
LIFE 16	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Home by Christmas (2006)				Will	Will
A&E 17	The First 48		Criminal Minds		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48	
SHOW 19	♦14	Scenes of a Sexual Nature			Dexter		Powder Blue (2009)				Three	
DISN 20	Phineas	Suite	Phineas	Phineas	★★★ Akeelah and the Bee (2006)				Phineas	Mon-	Wizards	Raven
MAX 21	3000 Miles to Graceland				★★★ Gran Torino (2008)				Harold & Kumar Escape			Lingerie
HBO 22	The Last Legion		The Day the Earth Stood Still				★½ Mirrors (2008)				Orgasm: Xtra	
AMC 24	Rambo: First Blood Part II				★★★ The Matrix Reloaded (2003)						Matrix Revol.	
USA 25	NCIS	NCIS		NCIS		★★ Sweet Home Alabama (2002)					Law & Order: SVU	
DSC 26	Cash	Cash	MythBusters		Destroy	Destroy	Cook County Jail		County Jail		Destroy	Destroy
ESPN 27	SportsCenter		High School Basketball			Score	High School Basketball			SportsCenter		
TNT 32	Law & Order		Bones		NBA Basketball: Orlando Magic at Miami Heat					NBA Basketball		
SYFY 33	Stargate SG-1		Sanctuary		★★ The Amityville Horror (2005)				Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man			

Miss Shrout gets first deer



Ten-year-old Ceanna Shrout harvested her first deer, a 10-point buck, while hunting on her grandparents' farm at Owingsville. Ceanna is the daughter of Mike and Marcia Shrout, of Owingsville, and granddaughter of Curren and Mary Ann Lewis.

Lady Cougars fall to dist. rivals Elliott and W. Carter

By David Patrick

Elliott Co. 74
Morgan Co. 67

Elliott County's Kelsey Ferguson scored 38 points, including 10 of 12 free-throws in the fourth quarter, as the Lady Lions held off host Morgan County, 74 - 67.

Ferguson and Jhonda Ison combined for three 3-point baskets in the first quarter to give Elliott a 16 - 13 advantage. The Lady Lions led by five points at the half and eight at the end of the third quarter.

Coach Jeff Brown's team made things interesting in the final period with a game-high 23 points. Lara Hembree and Monika McCowan each hit a pair of three-point shots to lead the rally. Faith Slone, Brittany Stamper and Shey Williams also scored baskets in the quarter.

But Elliott's Noel Skaggs complimented Ferguson's free-throw shooting with four made FT's of her own. As a team, the Lady Lions connected on 16 of 20 in the final eight minutes.

Morgan got a career-high 17 points from McCowan, while Tessa Henry finished with 14. Hembree and Stamper each added 13 points—with Hembree hitting a trio of three-point baskets. Slone and Williams added eight and four points, respectively.

West Carter 54
Morgan Co. 47

West Carter overcame a game-high 19 points from Lady Cougar guard Tessa Henry as the visitors beat Morgan County at Veterans Memorial Gym, 54-47.

The Lady Comets jumped out to an eight-point lead after one quarter and pushed it to a 34 - 22 advantage at the half. But Morgan answered, outscoring West 16 - 8 in the third period with baskets by Henry, Lara Hembree, Brittany Stamper and Faith Slone.

But West Carter held off a similar rally in the fourth quarter. As in the loss to Elliott, the game came down to free-throw shooting and the Lady Comets capitalized, scoring 12 of their final 15 points at the stripe to seal the win.

McCowan and Stamper scored nine points apiece for Morgan, while Hembree finished with five.

West was led by Brittany Tackett and Kristen Perry, who scored 15 and 11 points, respectively.

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Ashland, East Carter and Rowan are frontrunners for Region crown

Morgan's Tessa Henry Among Region's Top Players

By David Patrick

Rowan County may be the two-time defending region champion, but the ladies in green have some impressive company at the top of the pre-season rankings. Both Ashland and East Carter have the talent and experience to keep the Lady Vikings from a three-peat.

The following are the top ten teams and players in the region entering the 2009-10 season:

1. Ashland. The Kittens are coming off 42 wins over the past two seasons, including a regional runner-up finish in 2008. Ashland has two of the region's top players in Katelyn Conner and Chelsea Dietrich. The Kittens boast the most experienced team in the region with an astounding nine seniors on the roster.

2. East Carter. The Lady Raiders have won 20-plus games in three of the last five years. Veteran coach Larry Easterling returns four seniors, including one of the area's best post players, Jessica Marshall.

3. Rowan County. Head coach Scott Tackett has continued the success established by former coach Troy Lee Thomas. The Lady Vikings have dominated the 16th region, winning three championships and a runner-up trophy over the past five years. Rowan graduated a ton of talent, but returns senior Kaitlyn Muncy and a deep bench.

4. Elliott County. While the Elliott County boys' team was yet again the talk of the region last season, the Lady Lions put together quite a run of their own. Elliott won 22 games and finished runner-up in the 16th region, which was a far cry from five and six-win seasons in '05 and '06, respectively. With five seniors and a wealth of talent, don't be shocked if this team punches its ticket to the Sweet 16.

5. West Carter. Once the marquee program in the 16th region, the Lady Comets are anxous to again be a title contender. First-year coach Tex English will rely on 6'1" junior Kristen Perry, who averaged 12 points per game last season. West will seek its first winning season in three years.

6. Russell. Former West Carter basketball standout Mandy (Sterling) Layne begins her first season as head coach of the Lady Red Devils. Layne has an athletic team, led by 6'0" senior Kayla Parsley. Russell should be vastly improved from last year's 10-16 finish.

7. Morgan County. The Lady Cougars will be without the school's all-time leading scorer (Leslie Eagle), but certainly not without talent. Coach Jeff Brown will again have the services of senior Lara Hembree, who missed last season with a torn ACL. Fellow senior Shey Williams, sharp-shooter Tessa Henry and sophomore Brittany Stamper give Morgan a realistic shot to be a title contender.

8. Raceland. The Lady Rams enter the new season hoping to prove last year was a fluke. Raceland underachieved and turned a potentially great season into a 14-14 finish. Coach Bob Trimble returns five seniors, including 5'5" guard Brooke Wilson.

9. Boyd County. The Lady Lions have won 14 games each of the past two seasons, but could be primed for a surprising year. The 2009-10 campaign will be the youth movement in Cannonsburg, with only one senior on the Boyd roster.

10. Greenup County. The Lady Musketeers return nearly everyone from last year's team. With five seniors, Greenup should take a major step toward a winning season. Freshman Destiny Jones is one of the region's top young players.

TOP 10 PLAYERS

1. Katelyn Conner, Ashland. The 6'2" senior has already signed to play Division-1 basketball at Coastal Carolina. She averaged 14 points, eight rebounds and blocked 77 shots her junior season. Her presence alone makes Ashland the favorite for a region title

2. Kelsey Ferguson, Elliott County. The 5'7" point guard is the straw that stirs the drink in Sandy Hook. Coach Mark Cantrell calls her a "coach on the floor". Undoubtedly, the best backcourt player in the region.

3. Jessica Marshall, East Carter. One of the top all-around athletes in the 16th region. The 5'10" senior is the latest in a long line of talented players coached by Hager Easterling.

4. Chelsea Dietrich, Ashland. Yet another reason why the Kittens are the pre-season favorite in the 16th. The 5'10" sophomore is skilled and the perfect compliment to Conner.

5. Kristen Perry, West Carter. The daughter of former Lady Comet coach Von Perry. The 6'1" center is ready for a breakout season after averaging 12 points per game as a sophomore. Will pose matchup problems for most any team in the region.

6. Katelyn Emmons, Fleming County. A gifted player who could help the Lady Panthers become the darkhorse team in the 16th region.

7. Kaitlyn Muncy, Rowan County. Whoever said dynamite comes in small packages must have had Muncy in mind. The 5'6" senior is the defensive ace and emotional leader of the Lady Vikings. Perhaps no player in the region plays with more heart and hustle than Muncy.

8. Kasey Lewis, Raceland. The 5'11" senior is the Rams' top returning player. She's an outstanding shooter with skills to play in the post.

9. Tessa Henry, Morgan County. The 5'6" guard is the Lady Cougars' top offensive player. Averaged 10 points per game as a sophomore. Is one of the region's best pure shooters. Coach Jeff Brown wants the ball in her hands with the game on the line.

10. Kayla Parsley, Russell. She nearly averaged a double-double (11 points, 9.5 rebounds) as a junior. Parsley is one of the region's most athletic and best post players.

BEST OF THE REST: Natasha Kissinger (Rowan County), Brittany Tackett (West Carter), Brittany Stamper (Morgan County), Kayla Day (Fairview) and Adri Neely (Rowan County).

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

State deer harvest down slightly; warm weather likely a factor

Hayley Lynch

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 3 — Kentucky hunters have taken more than 100,000 deer so far this year, with a majority of the harvest occurring during the recently completed modern gun season. The number of deer taken by hunters during the opening weekend of modern gun season was down about 400 animals from the average of the previous three seasons. Harvest for the month of November, most of which comes from hunters during the modern gun season, was down about 5,000 deer from the state's 3-year average.

The decline, however, is a normal fluctuation that deer managers have seen for years.

"We would have to see more than one year of lower harvest before we'd be alarmed," said Tina Brunjes, big game program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "One reason I think this year's harvest may be down, from my own hunting and from what I've heard from other hunters out there, is the warm weather during gun season."

Brunjes said that some hunters reported seeing deer on trail cameras at night, but not during shooting hours. She suspects the warm weather caused more deer to move at night rather than during the warmer daylight hours.

This year's hunter harvest, while down slightly, still appears to follow a pattern biologists have been seeing for years.

"Season harvest seems to go up, down, up, down, each year in recent years," said David Yancy, deer biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "I wouldn't be surprised to see it down a bit this year, and we end up with a total around 113,000 or 115,000 deer, and next year we're back up to 120,000."

Deer managers aren't sure exactly why the season harvest total is stair-stepping, but Yancy has a few possible theories. The first is that the pattern is hunter-driven.

"It could be that we kill a lot of deer one year, and the next year there just aren't as many deer on the ground during hunting season," Yancy said. "With a smaller herd, the deer are in better condition, with more food to go around. The herd rebounds when female deer have twins more often and a greater number of fawns survive. This leads to another up year for hunters, because there are more deer in the population."

Another possibility for the fluctuating harvest is that Kentucky's deer herd has reached its carrying capacity, or the number of deer that the existing habitat can support. The state's total deer population peaked in 2004 and then began to decline. It now stands at around one million animals. A declining deer herd, Yancy pointed out, isn't necessarily a bad thing. Areas like central Kentucky have too many deer, leading to higher disease rates. Yancy suspects the stair-stepping harvest is something hunters will continue to see.

In addition to lower harvest numbers overall, about 60 percent of the deer taken so far this year have been male. While bucks usually represent a larger proportion of harvest than female deer at this point in the season, a 60-40 split between bucks and does is a larger difference than usual. Brunjes thinks warm weather during gun season played a part here as well.

"Bucks don't care. They're going to get out and chase during the rut no matter what, and they're going to be more visible than does if the weather is warm," she said. "The does are going to move more at night when it's warm."

Yancy pointed out that this year's modern gun season seemed to fall right during the peak of the deer breeding season. He thinks this is another reason hunters may have seen, and harvested, more bucks.

"That's going to happen about once out of every three years – the gun season will hit right smack on the peak of the rut," he explained. "Some years our gun season comes toward the end of the rut, and some years it comes toward the beginning. But I think we'll see the harvest even out closer to 51 percent bucks, 49 percent does, once the dust settles in January. In the end, this is probably going to look like a pretty typical season."

Some hunters have voiced concerns about the harvest decline, with questions about last winter's ice storm and even the possibility of lingering effects from the 2007 outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease, or EHD.

"At this point, EHD is just a memory," said Brunjes. "As far as the ice storm, especially in western Kentucky, it did have an effect. It changed the landscape."

With tall trees damaged by ice, the forest floor received more sunlight, resulting in vegetation growth. Western Kentucky hunters who were accustomed to seeing deer in certain areas may have noticed a big change in deer patterns this year, Brunjes said.

"The ice storm converted areas with no forage into feeding areas," she said. "It blocked trails. Feeding areas have become bedding areas. Places you used to hunt have changed and may not hold deer now."

These changes prove that wildlife, in the end, act like wildlife. Hunters have up years, and they also have down years. In the end, hunting opportunity in Kentucky is still far beyond what our grandparents could have imagined.

"We're hunting a wild animal," Yancy said. "Part of the allure is that you can't control it. Part of it is that you're thankful to get to go and have quarry to pursue."

Author Hayley Lynch is an award-winning writer and associate editor for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. She loves deer hunting, shotgun sports and introducing women to the outdoors.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Faith Slone

MCHS Girls' Basketball Team:

This week's athlete of the week is sophomore Faith Slone of the MCHS Lady Cougar basketball team. The Lady Cougars opened the season at Magoffin Co. and won in dramatic fashion. Faith Slone came off the bench to score 9 points, grab 8 rebounds and had 4 steals. The most exciting part was Slone's rebound and basket at the buzzer to beat the Hornets 44-42. Congratulations to Faith Slone and the Lady Cougar basketball team!

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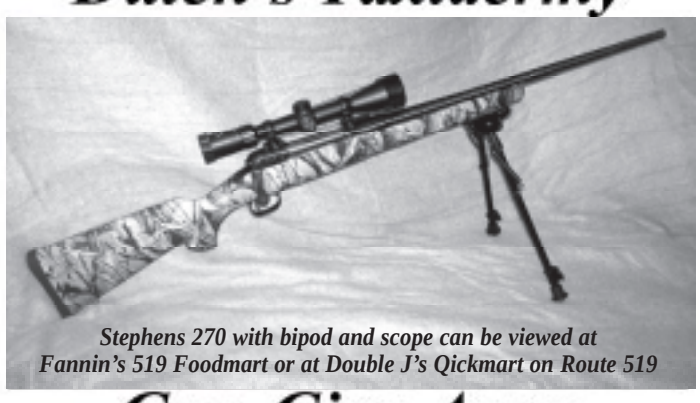
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Brushy Fork Church, Caney, Ky. Services fourth Saturday at 1:00 pm and fourth Sunday at 10:00 am each month. Hobert Dunn, pastor.

West Liberty Church Of God, 568 Glenn Ave., West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 743-4161. Gary Fields, pastor. Parsonage: 743-2632. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday night 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm Bible study for all age groups.

Hazel Green Christian Church, P.O. Box 66, Hazel Green, KY 41332. Bro. David Fields, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm.

Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd, 525 Main St., Campton, KY, Phone 668-3731. Sunday Mass 12:30 pm; Wednesday evening 5:30 pm.

Faith Baptist Church, Caney, KY 41402, phone 743-4966, parsonage phone 768-2415. Bro. Mick Harden, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday disciples group training service 5:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday night mission friends, GA's, acteen's RA's, adult Bible study 6:00 pm.

Old Grassy Christian Church, US-460, Mize, KY 41352. Carl Roller, pastor. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Martha Enterprise Baptist Church, approximately 3 miles up KY-589 off KY-172. Services second weekend each month. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Roger Ball, pastor.

Redeemed Old Regular Baptist Church, Caney, KY. Elder Roy Collett, pastor. Services third weekend of each month. Saturday 6:30 pm. Sunday 9:30 am.

Wells Chapel Church Of God, Stacy Fork, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm. Everyone welcome.

Wells Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11:00 am every Sunday. Every second Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Joe Gilliam, pastor. Ruley Wagoner, assistant pastor.

Union Enterprise Church, Williams Creek, KY. Sunday School 9:30 am to 10:30 am every Sunday morning. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. First Saturday and Sunday each month. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Tivis Ison, pastor, welcomes everyone.

Walnut Grove Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening prayer service 7:00 pm. Scott Litton, pastor. Eddie Keeton, assistant pastor.

Sandy Hook First Baptist Church, phone 738-6320. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm.

Mize Community Church, 1 mile west of Mize, KY. John Oldfield Jr., pastor, 1176 Hwy. 946, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 606-725-5622. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm.

Old Time Religion Church, 1957 Flat-Mary Rd., Campton, KY 41301. Douglas Dunn, pastor, phone 668-9168.

Daysboro Church Of Christ, Daysboro, KY, phone 743-3906. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. David Hinton, pastor

Watson Enterprise Baptist Church, HC 75, Sandy Hook, KY. Larry Dale Ison, pastor. Mike Gilliam, assistant pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Campton Church Of Christ, Rt. 35, Box 405, Campton, KY 41301, phone 668-6531.

Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1266 East Main Street, Jackson, KY. 10:00 am Saturday worship. 6:00 pm Tuesday Bible study. Phone (606) 295-3512.

Lick Fork Pentecostal Church, Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Congregation and pastor, Jay B. Lewis, invites all. Everyone welcome.

Rocky Branch Full Gospel Church Of God, 3 miles north of Campton on KY-746. Sunday morning 10:00 am. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Denzil Lykins, pastor, phone 668-3643.

Torrent Church Of God, 1432 N KY-11, Zachariah, KY. Sunday School, 10:00 am, Sunday morning, 11:00 am, Sunday evening, 6:30 pm, Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 pm. Rev.Marvin Hobbs, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Bethany Baptist Church, War Creek, KY. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Every Sunday. Every third Saturday of each month Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Rick Pelfrey, pastor.

Stark United Methodist Church, Sunday morning 9:30 am. Sunday School 10:30 am. Friday youth group 7:00 pm. Friday adult Bible study 7:00 pm. Warren Vanover, pastor.

Ezel United Presbyterian Church, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 725-4215. Sunday morning 10:00 am. All ages welcome.

Cannel City First Church Of God, Cannel City, KY, phone 743-7395. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Zag Community Church, located 1 mile off KY-519 on KY- 976. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Rev. Donald Cox, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Index Community Church, Rt. 1 Box 210, West Liberty, KY 41472 (intersection KY-191 & US-460), phone 743-4733. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday youth hour 6:30 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Rev. Mike Frisby, pastor. Eddy Dennison, assistant pastor.

Sandy Hook United Methodist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Rev. Warren Vanover, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Red River Community Church, Hazel Green, KY 41332, phone 662-6947. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday prayer service 7:00 pm. Rev. Charles Glover, pastor.

Prince Of Peace Catholic Church, 163 Pine Acres Drive just off Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty. Sunday Mass 9:00 am. Father Frank Brawner pastor. Phone 743-3266 office; 743-4817 rectory.

Wells Union Baptist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Tuesday Bible study 6:00 pm. Jimmy Tharp, pastor.

Ophir Enterprise Baptist Church, approximately 10 miles up KY-1260 off KY-172. Services first Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every third Sunday 11:00 am. Bro. Bobby Fultz, pastor. Bro. Ronnie Wright, assistant pastor. Everyone welcome.

Pleasant Run House Of Prayer, Yocum, KY. Sunday School 10:30 am. Sunday morning 1:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Raymond Barker, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Sulphur Springs Church, Crockett, KY, KY-172. Third weekend of each month and all odd weekends. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Chris Baldwin, pastor. Bro. Bob Williams, assistant pastor. Everyone welcome.

Pekin Pentecostal Church, Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 10:00 am, morning worship 11:00 am. Pastor Sammy Vancleave, 743-7255 Everyone invited.

West Liberty Christian Church, 304 Prestonsburg St. (corner of Prestonsburg and Court Street), phone (606) 743-4356, parsonage (606) 743-4355. Paul Casteel, minister. Matthew Riley, youth minister. Junior church and wee church 11:00 am. High school and middle school youth group Wednesday evening and Sunday evening 7:00 pm.

Ezel First Church Of God, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Youth group Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Youth church service third Sunday each month 7:00 pm.

Stillwater Holiness Church, 3-1/2 miles north of Campton on KY-191. Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Patricia Crider, pastor.

Bear Pen Worship Center, Sunday morning 10:45 am. Sunday School 6:30 pm. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday youth meeting 6:30 pm. David Spencer, pastor. Phone 668-3351.

Blaze Community Church, Services Wednesday evening 7:00 pm; Sunday School 5:00 pm; Sunday evening worship 6:00 pm; pastor Vernon Dale Lewis and congregation invite everyone.

Calvary Baptist Church, KY-191, Cannel City, KY. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 5:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Harry B. Helton, pastor.

Campton Baptist Church, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Pastor Gary Conner. Parsonage phone: 668-3499

Hazel Green Church Of God, KY-1010 East. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning and children's church 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Charlie Brewer, pastor, wife Wavelene Brewer.

Concord Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-32 eight miles west of Sandy Hook. Every fourth Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Rev. Ricky Lewis, pastor.

West Liberty Church Of Christ, Sunday Bible study 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study for all ages 7:00 pm. Paul Balch, minister. Phone 743-2132.

Campton First Church Of God, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:45 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm.

Laurel Gorge Enterprise Baptist Church, Youth services Friday 6:00 pm. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Rev. Bill Rice, pastor. Virgil F. Gillum, assistant pastor.

Full Gospel Tabernacle, Top of Slade Hill where Jesus is Alpha and Omega. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Rev. Ralph Banks, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Grassy Lick Baptist Church, Grassy Creek, KY 41352. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday evening Bible study 7:00 pm. Kenneth Gevedon, pastor. Vernon Stacy, assistant pastor. James Tyra, assistant pastor.

Quillens Church Of God, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Lester Spencer, pastor. Phone 668-6435.

Abundant Life Full Gospel Church, 849 Broadway St., West Liberty, KY. Phone 743-1549. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Bro. Donnie Wheeler, pastor.

Murphy Fork Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday worship 11:00 am. Sunday night 6:00 pm. Thursday night 7:00 pm.

Haven Of Hope, 364 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY 41472. Sunday School, 10:00 am. Sunday worship, 6:00 pm.

New Beginnings Church of God, off Hwy 519, Blevins Rd. Phone 606-743-1224. Sunday School 10:00 am, morning worship 11:00 am, Sunday evening 6:00 pm, Thursday 7:00 pm. Pastor Ruford Abner

Callaboose Community Church, Off KY-746 near Campton. Sunday morning 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Bro. Burt Combs, pastor.

West Liberty Mennonite Church, located off Circle Dr, Wells Hill. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Direl Fyffe, pastor emeritis. Elder James Fyffe, 743-1567. Elder Steve Stoltzfus, 743-4195.

Faith Hills Mennonite Church, KY-172, Crockett, KY 41413. Sunday morning 9:30 am. Sunday evening second and fourth Sunday each month 7:00 pm, the fourth Sunday being song service. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome.

West Liberty United Methodist Church, corner of Main and Prestonsburg St. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening Bible study 7:00 pm. Sunday night choir practice, 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. UMW first Tuesday each month. Rev. Ken Jett, pastor, phone 743-3519.

Trent First Church Of God, Rt. 1, Campton, KY 41301. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. David Stamper, pastor.

Christian Faith Church Of Freedom, Murphy Fork. Every Saturday evening 6:00 pm. Todd Kidd, pastor.

Woodsbend Community Church, KY-705 North. Phone (606) 743-3580. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Children's church 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening family night ministries 7:00 pm.

Assembly Of Faith Church, seven miles north of West Liberty on KY-519. Sunday morning Bible classes, 10:00 am. Sunday morning worship, 11:00 am. Power House kids church, 11:00 am. Sunday evening worship service, 6:00 pm. Ladies meeting, first Monday each month, 7:00 pm. Wednesday worship choir practice, 6:30 pm. Thursday worship service, 7:00 pm. Young adult service, 20, 30, 40 year olds, last Friday each month, 7:00 pm. Harold Davis, pastor. Phone 743-4555.

Campton United Methodist Church, phone 668-3229. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:55 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm choir 7:45 pm. Rev. James Doughton, pastor.

Isonville Primitive Baptist Church, Isonville, KY. Phone 738-5816. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Christopher K. Harper, pastor. Everyone welcome.

West Liberty First Baptist Church, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Children's church 11:00 am nursery provided. Sunday evening youth group 6:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. David Cook, pastor. Phone 743-3722.

Bigwoods Community Church, HC 75, Wellington, KY. 40387. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible hour 7:00 pm. Phone 768-3456. Rev. Jess Brewer, pastor.

New Salem Church, Moon, KY. 1/4 mile off KY-172 on KY-1715. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. James Wallin, pastor. Bro. Kevin Williams, assistant pastor. Everyone welcome.

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Neal Howards Creek Community Church, Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every third Thursday ladies and men's meeting 7:00 pm. Dean Lewis, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Newcombe Valley First Enterprise Baptist Church, Isonville, KY. First Saturday each month 7:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:45 am. Ladies Bible study/prayer group Wednesday 1:00 pm. Mike Adkins, pastor. Darrell O'Hare, assistant pastor.

Tar Ridge Church Of God, Wolfe County. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:45 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Bro. Adam Hays, pastor.

New Hope Baptist Church, Gordon Ford. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Bro. George Oney, pastor.

Church Of Free Worship, Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 11:00 am. Sunday morning 12:00 noon. Stanley Rigsby, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Old 519 Full Gospel Church, Saturday evening 6:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm.

Tom's Branch Community Church, KY-772, West Liberty, KY. Sunday morning 11:00 am; Sunday evening Bible Study 7:00 pm; Thursday evening service 7:00 pm; every third Saturday evening fellowship dinner 5:00 pm and church service at 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome. Pastor Jeff Montgomery, Assistant Pastor Woody Bowman.

White Oak Christian Church Disciples Of Christ, White Oak, KY 41474, phone 743-4127. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Ezel Church Of God, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 725-5721.

Lee City First Church Of God, Lee City, KY, phone 662-6221. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. Stanley Burnett, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Centerville Community Church, Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Harry Flannery, pastor.

Vortex Pentecostal Church, Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Rev. Leonard Cole, pastor.

Grace Baptist Church, Malone, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday discipleship training 5:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 6:00 pm. Bro. Mike Lindon, pastor.

Redbush Enterprise Baptist Church, Redbush, KY. Second Saturday evening each month 6:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm every third Sunday. Bro. Gerald Fyffe, pastor.

Hope Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-650, Doctor's Branch, Sandy Hook, KY. Second Saturday evening each month 7:00 pm. Sunday service 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm. Keith Lyon, pastor. Everyone welcome!

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Sandfield Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. Mike Brooks, pastor. Harold Stamper, assistant pastor.

Bethany Community Church, Bethany, KY. Sunday School 9:30 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Daniel Wendell, pastor. Phone 668-3703.

Broadway First Church Of God, West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 743-3759. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 pm. Bro. Jessie Rogers, pastor.

Lacy Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Lacy Creek, KY. Second weekend each month. Saturday evening 6:30 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Bro. Tim Jenkins, pastor.

Apostolic Church Of Jesus Christ, Lytten, KY. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Denzil B. Fannin, pastor. Phone 738-6384.

Grassy Creek Pentecostal Church, Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Johnnie Davis, pastor.

Lacy Creek Church Of Christ, 2-1/2 miles off US-460 on KY-364, Cottle, KY. Phone 743-2380. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening youth service 6:00 pm. Thursday Bible study 7:00 pm. Jimmy Adkins, pastor, 743-3801. Elder lawrence Kersey, 743-3291. Elder Dan Hittepole, 743-3430. Elder Dr. James Frederick.

Words Of Encouragement Trinity Full Gospel Mission, Trace Branch, US-460, Magoffin County. Friday evening 7:30 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm.

Pine Grove Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Aaron Brooks, pastor.

Straight Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Big Mandy Road off KY-650. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Cortis Ison, pastor.

Countryside Community Church, KY-134, Johnson Fork. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Bible trivia last Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm. Gospel singing fourth Friday at 7:00 pm. James Hinton, pastor, congregation well all. Phone 349-LORD.

Kernie Freewill Baptist Church, KY-134, Johnson Fork. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Butch Whitaker, pastor. Steve Arnett, assistant pastor.

Wallowhole Independent Baptist Church, Second Saturday evening each month 7:00 pm. Second Sunday morning each month 10:30 am. Every Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday prayer meeting 7:00 pm.

Spring Branch Baptist Church, 100 Spring Branch Rd., Campton, KY 41301. Pastor Ron Lucas, 606-668-9229. Sunday School, 10:00 am, Sunday morning worship, 11:00 am, Sunday night service, 6:00 pm, Wednesday night Bible Study, 7:00 pm.

Horton Flats Community Baptist Church, 1.6 miles off KY-7 on KY-3353, Horton Flats Road. Sunday School 9:30 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am.

Wrigley Baptist Mission, KY-7, Wrigley, KY. Sunday morning fellowship 9:45 am. Sunday School 10:00 am (classes for every age plus deaf class). Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

Fannin Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-557 (Ruin Road), Sandy Hook, KY. First Saturday evening each month at 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning at 10:30 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. George Stafford pastor and Jason Ison assistant pastor.

Crockett Primitive Baptist Church, KY-706. Pastor Hershell Wright and Charlue T. Wright invite everyone to attend. Sunday School at 10:00 am. Sunday worship service at 11:00 am. Wednesday night fellowship at 7:00 pm.

Campton Christian Church, 312 Main St., Campton, KY 41301, phone 606-362-9277. Sunday morning 11:00 am; Tuesday Bible study, 6:30 pm. Minister: Will Cooper. Website: www.camptonchristianchurch.org

Saint John Baptist, Old KY 15, Pine Ridge, KY, Louise Lee Winchip Chapel. Sunday morning prayer 9:00 am; Holy Communion third Sunday. Wednesday evening prayer/Bible study 7:00 pm. Billy L. James, Senior Warden. 606-668-9030. Everyone welcome.

First Apostolic Church, Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty. Sunday School 10:00 am; Sunday worship 3:30 pm; Wednesday night worship 7:00 pm.

Red Bush Enterprise Baptist Church, Red Bush, Ky., Rt. 172. Services second Saturday evening at 7:00 pm; weekly Sunday School at 10:00 am; Sunday morning service 11:00 am; Sunday evening services 6:00 pm every third Sunday. Pastor Mike Sparks. Assistant Pastor Chris Baldwin. Everyone welcome.

Crossroads Baptist Church, located at the intersection of Mountain Parkway, KY-191 and KY-205. Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship service 11:00 am; Sunday night worship 6:00 pm. Pastor Ray Fallen. Everyone welcome.

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Hinkle's Cumberland Paving Division wins PRIDE award

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The company volunteered to clean up an illegal dump in McCreary County. The donation of labor and equipment was valued at $12,320. The dump had been on the county's cleanup list since 2006, but funds were not available to pay a contractor to bring in the necessary equipment to remove the large debris.

"I want to thank Cumberland Paving for volunteering its resources to help the community," said Congressman Hal Rogers, who founded Easter Kentucky PRIDE in 1997. "When a business looks for ways to use its assets to meet local needs, it reflects the PRIDE spirit of taking responsibility for the environment. Hinkle Contracting has set this example for years by regularly donating equipment and personnel for cleanup projects, saving local governments thousands of dollars while improving public health and tourism."

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